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TEAM SUMMER B

TENDO MATSURI

KUSAKARI HOTARU

YAMORI CHIMAKI

TEAM SUMMER B

ASAI SEMIMARU

EGOISTIC, FOUL-MOUTHED, YOUNG MAN. HE'S ALWAYS MEAN TO NATSU.

TEAM SUMMER B

SAOTOME BOTAN

FORMER POLICE OFFICER, AND THE GUIDE FOR TEAM SUMMER B. SHE'S THE OLDER SISTER-LIKE TYPE, AND VERY RELIABLE.

TEAM SUMMER B

IWASHIMIZU NATSU

A TIMID, WELL-MANNERED GIRL. SHE'S AFRAID OF VOICING HER OWN OPINIONS.

TEAM SUMMER B

AOTA ARASHI

YOUNG MAN WITH A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE. HE'S THE BOYFRIEND OF HANA FROM TEAM SPRING

TEAM SUMMER A

ANGO

HE ACTS AS THE LEADER FOR TEAM SUMMER A. HE BLAMES HIMSELF FOR HIS FRIEND'S DEATH.

TEAM SUMMER A

RYO

INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN TEAM SUMMER A. HE'S A COOL-HEADED AND DYNAMIC YOUNG MAN.

TER CHARACTER CHARACTER CHARACTER CHARACTER CHARA

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ORY STORY STORY STORY STORY STORY STORY STORY

WE ARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND A HUGE METEORITE HAS COLLIDED WITH THE EARTH.
ALL LIVING BEINGS, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RACE, WERE ELIMINATED. THE GOVERNMENT, WHO HAD FORESEEN THIS WORST CASE SCENARIO, TOOK A CERTAIN COUNTERMEASURE: PROJECT SEVEN SEEDS, FOR WHICH 5 TEAMS OF SEVEN TALENTED AND CAREFULLY SELECTED BOYS AND GIRLS WERE BUILT AND PUT INTO COLD SLEEP TO SECURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE.

THE AWAKENED BOYS AND GIRLS WERE SUDDENLY EXPOSED TO A SEVERE ENVIRONMENT. AS THEY STRUGGLED FOR SURVIVAL, THEY LOST THEIR FRIENDS TO DEATH, NEVER TO SEE THEM AGAIN.
A MIX OF THE TWO SUMMER TEAMS, NATSU AND THE OTHERS GOT STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA, AND WHEN A MYSTERIOUS SHIP APPEARED BEFORE THEM, THEY DECIDED TO EXPLORE IT. BUT SOON AFTER THEY'D ENTERED IT, THE SHIP STRAIGHTENED ITSELF, AND THEY GOT SEPARATED. AS THEY WERE WANDERING AROUND THE PLACE WITH ITS UNBEARABLY OMINOUS ATMOSPHERE, WHERE A MYSTERIOUS COUNTDOWN HAD STARTED, THE TENSION ROSE.
AFTER MANY COMPLICATIONS, THE GROUP WAS ABLE TO REJOIN. BUT THEN, THE MYSTERIOUS COUNTDOWN TURNED OUT TO SHOW THE REMAINING TIME UNTIL THE LAUNCH OF SOME MISSILES. ARASHI, ANGO, NATSU, AND SEMIMARU WORKED HARD TO STOP THE MISSILE LAUNCH, BUT THEIR ATTEMPT TO CANCEL IT FAILED. WHAT WILL BECOME OF NATSU AND THE OTHERS, WHO STARTED THEIR EVACUATION FROM THE OUT-OF-CONTROL SHIP...?!

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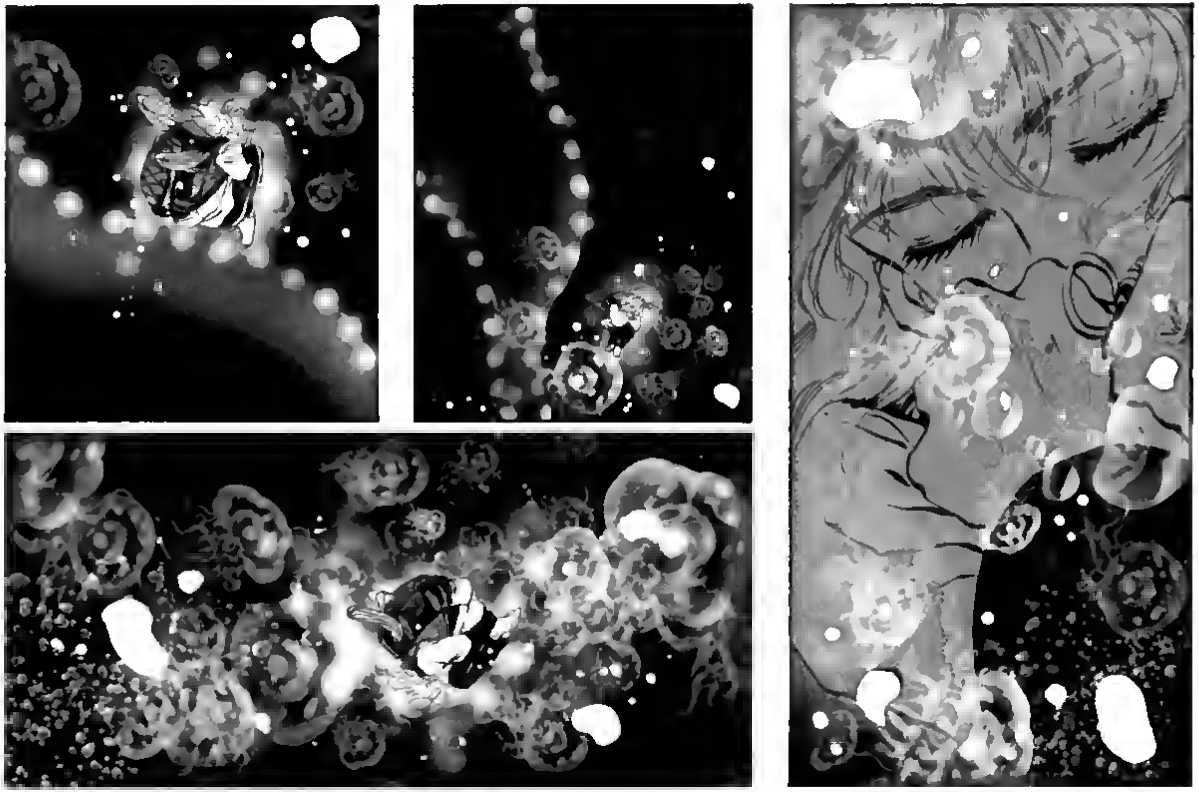
【— Ovation* —】



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SPLASH
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OSH

Sssh
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Splash
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Splosh
Sssh

Splish
Sss
Splash

Hep
Splish
Splash
Nice and warm.

Hep
KNOCK
TAP
TAP

knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
crack
crack
dig
dig
pull
munch
munch
munch

grumble
?

Okay!
Splish

tok
tok
tok

splish
splash

munch
munch
munch
munch

Mussels are risky

lick

grumble
grumble
grumble
splash
splash
splash
...
はぁ
SFX: PHEW
PRESS
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PRESS
PLOP

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PREEE
PLOP
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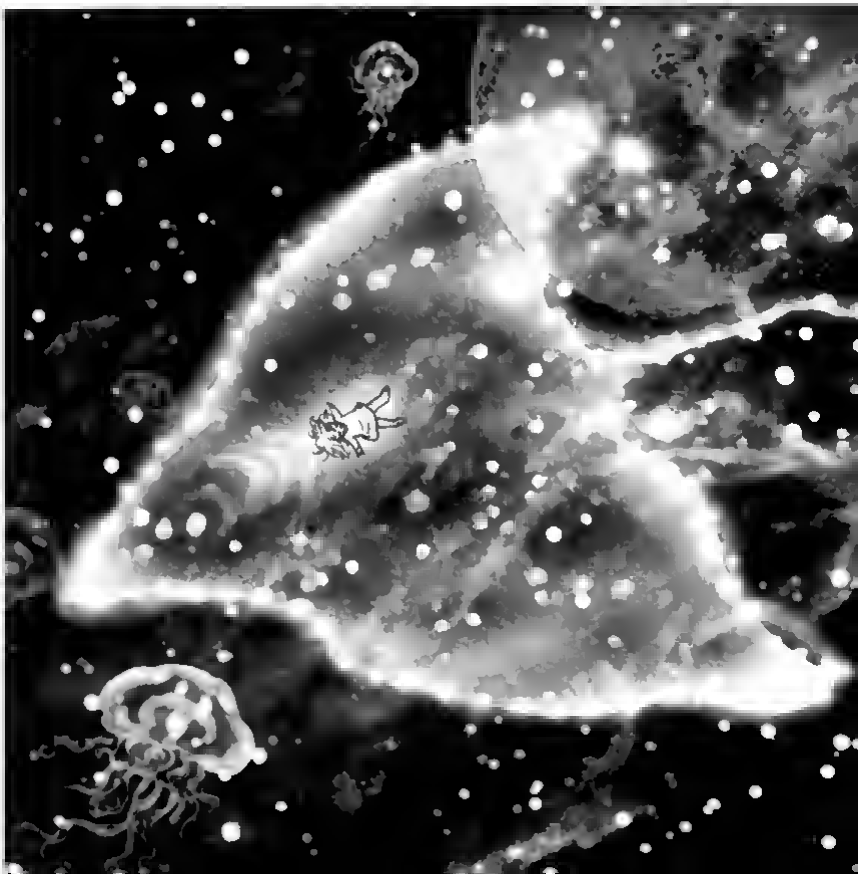
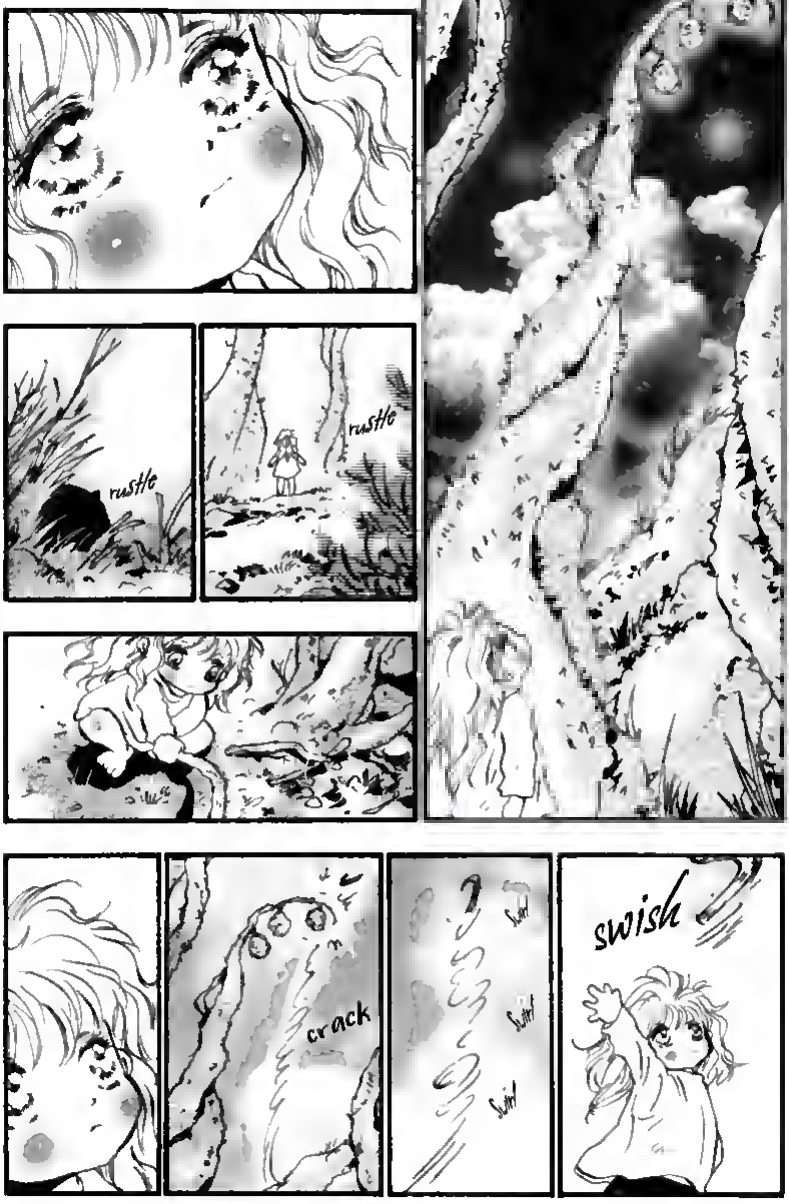


SSH
bob
slip
slurp
slurp
slurp
SNATCH

I wonder how it is?
pee!
PASTY
rustle
I can salt it too
munch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clonk
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toss
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toss
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huff
I'll try it again tomorrow
thud

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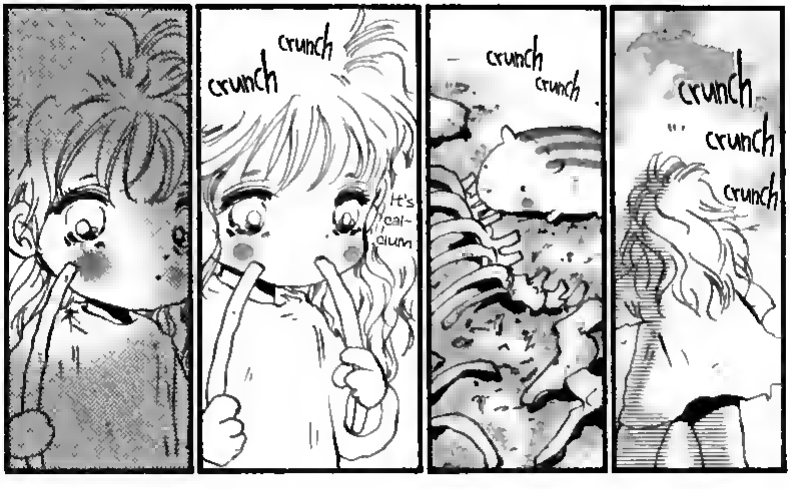
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It's cal-cium
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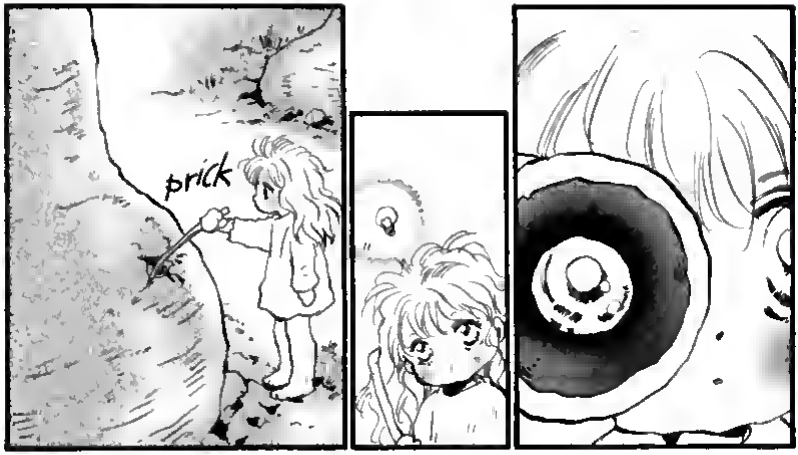
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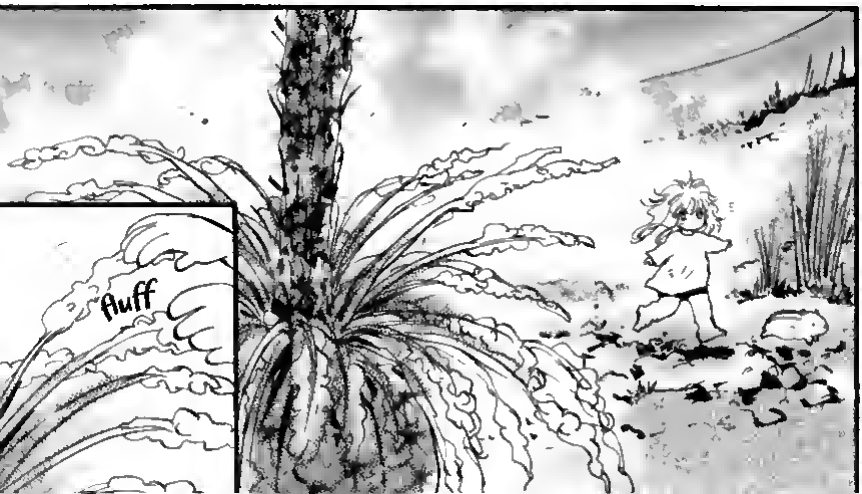
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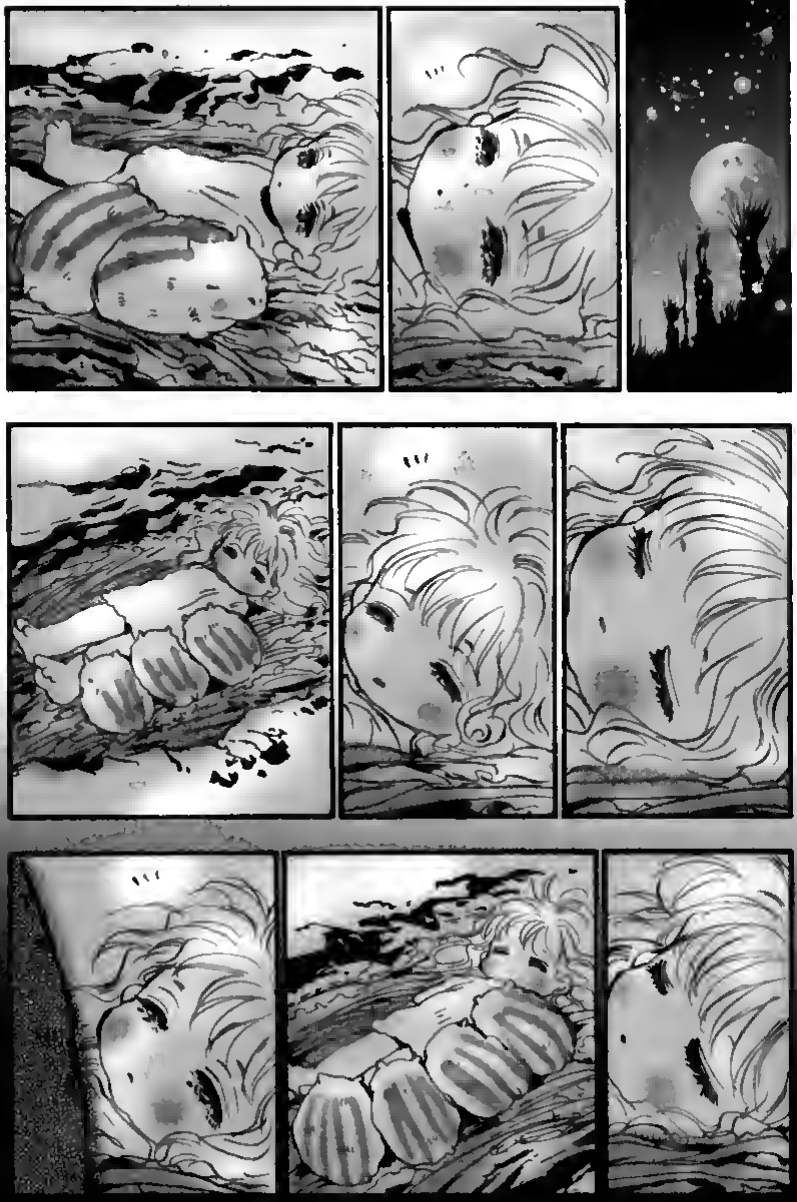
FLUFF



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Snort
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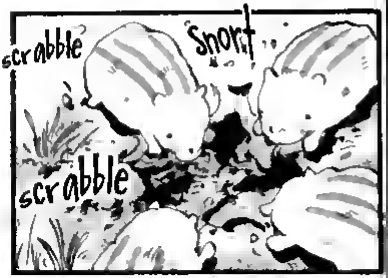
slurp
NESTLE
slurp
slurp
slurp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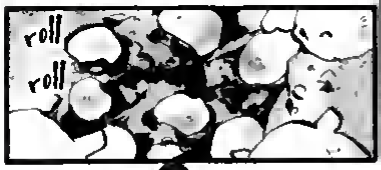
Snort
scrabble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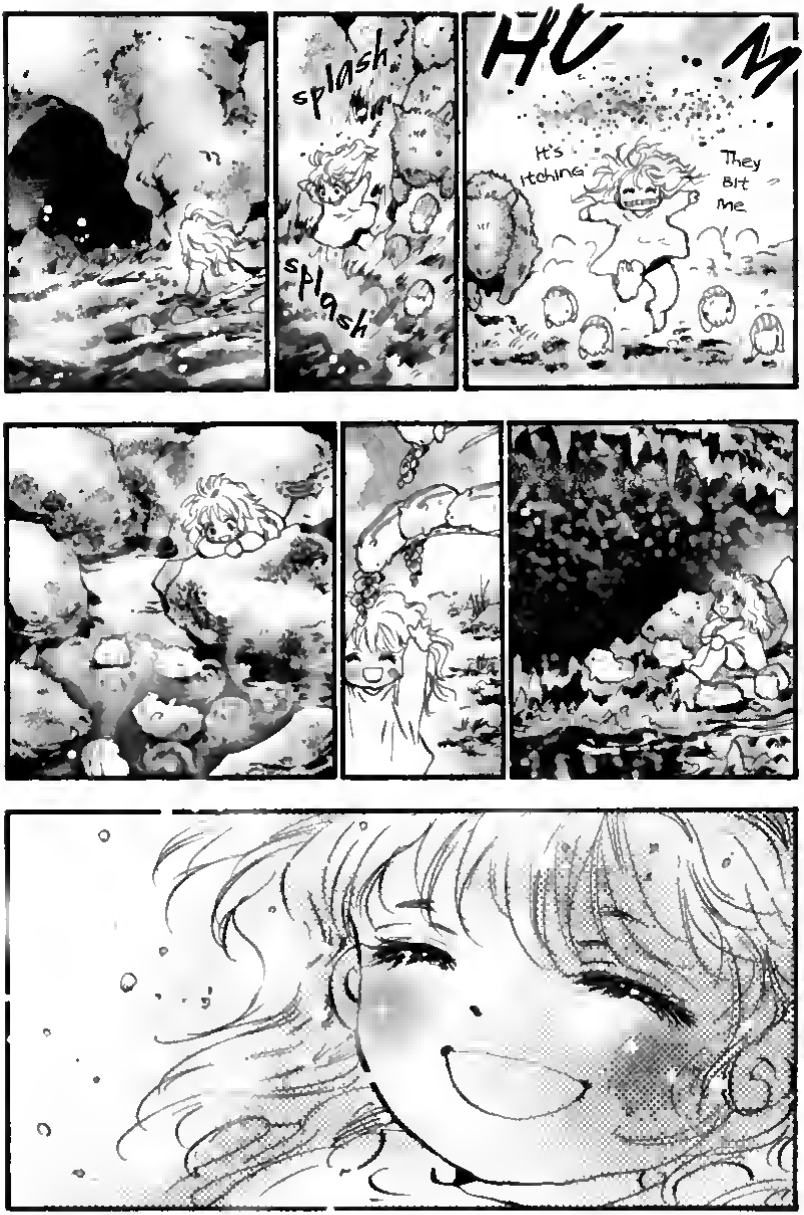
BUZZ
BUZZ

What's this?

Snort

Pota- toes?
Mush- rooms?
Yum!
munch
munch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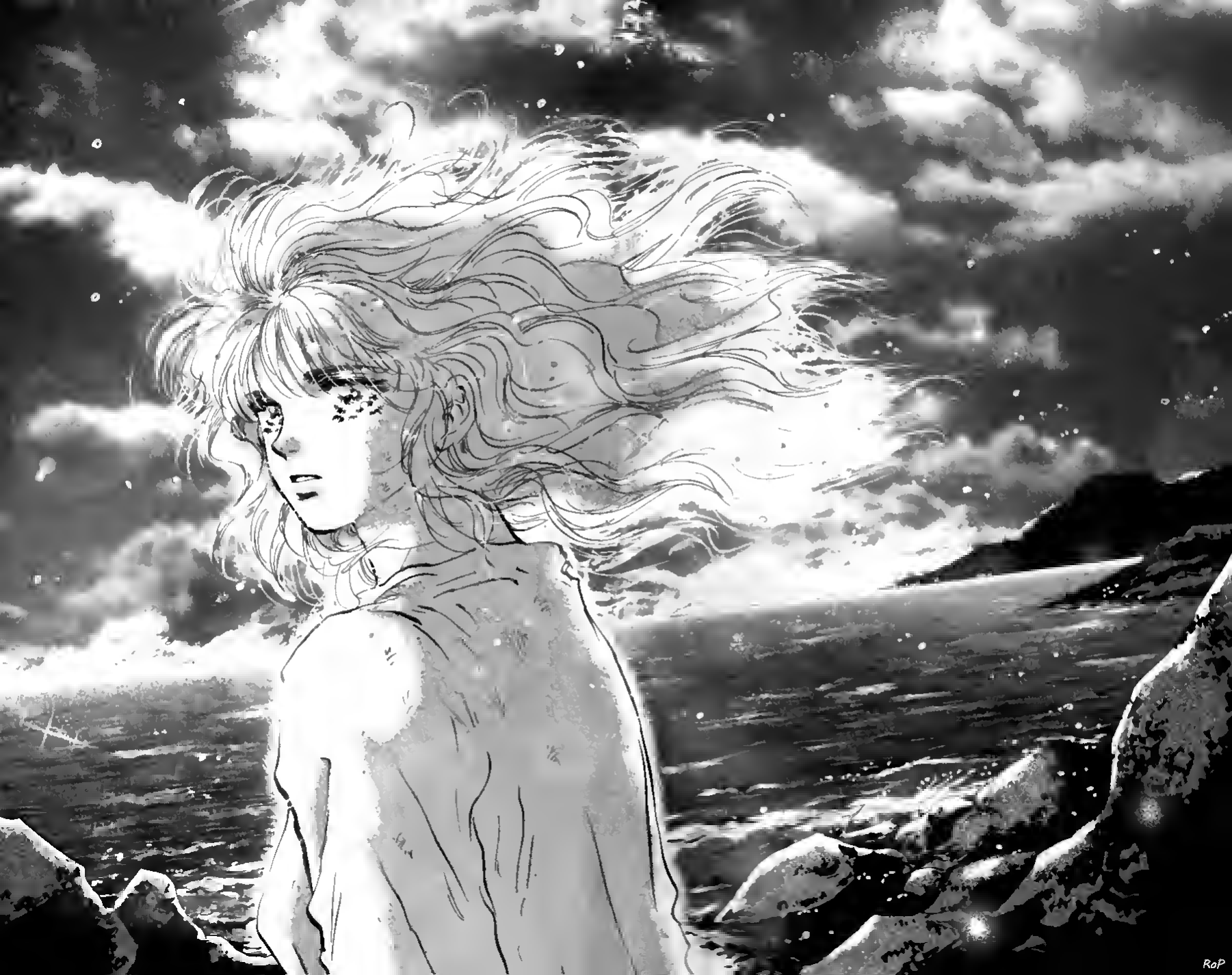
HU
It's itching
They bit me

CLACK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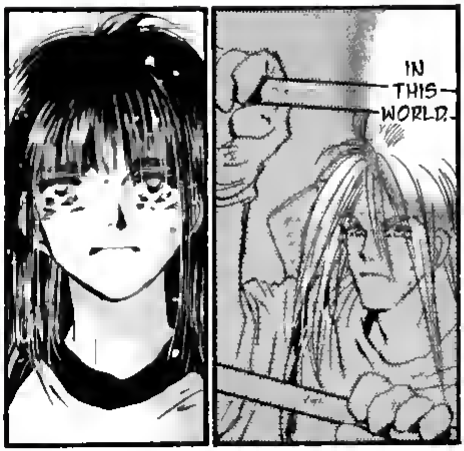
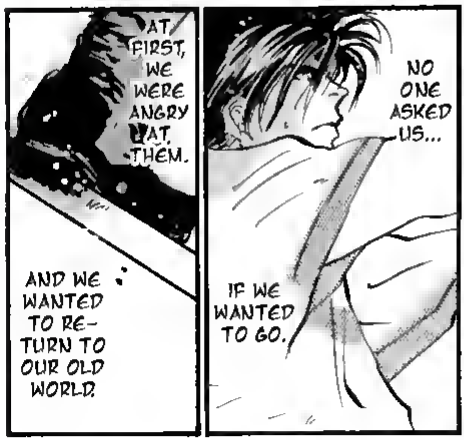
ROP

HERE.

I'LL
LIVE ON...


IN THIS WORLD.

WE DIDN'T COME HERE BECAUSE IT WAS OUR WISH.


AT FIRST, WE WERE ANGRY AT THEM.
AND WE WANTED TO RETURN TO OUR OLD WORLD.
NO ONE ASKED US...
IF WE WANTED TO GO.

WE'LL LIVE ON...

BUT...
WE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
WE'LL LIVE OUT OUR LIVES...
IN THIS WORLD

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【— Can You Celebrate?* —】

beep
Final Day - Remaining Time
02:05:45
THERE ISN'T ANY RUST IN THIS AREA, AND IT'S IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION..
beep
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, I SUPPOSE.
beep
THOSE BACTERIA...
THEY'RE MONSTERS
It looked like that
CHASED AFTER THE GUN YOU TOSSED DOWN.
beep
Damn
Will the ladder hold?
IF IT WASN'T FOR THOSE BACTERIA,
WE COULD HAVE COME UP WITH SOMETHING ELSE.
beep
beep
AND LEAVE THIS PART OF THE OCEAN...
BEFORE THE TIME IS UP.
ALL WE CAN DO FOR NOW...
IS GET ALL OF US OUT OF HERE SAFELY,
beep
beep
STOP IT!
beep

THEY'LL DROP DOWN UPON SOME-ONE.
beep
Final Day - Remaining Time
02 : 05 : 22
beep

AND THIS SHIP WILL SELF-DESTRUCT.
beep
DEADLY ASH WILL FALL,

I DON'T KNOW WHO TO BEG.
THOSE MIS-SILES!
PLEASE STOP...
BUT ...

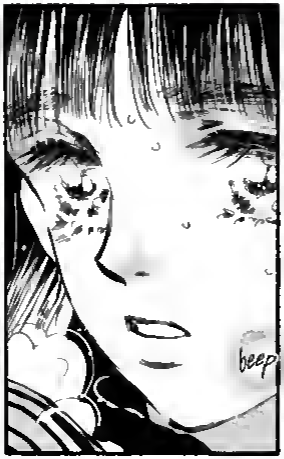
beep
EEK!
slip

GR
AB

beep
beep

I'M SURE...
ALL OF US...
ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE NOW.

beep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beep

beep
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beep
beep

02 : 05 : 01
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beep
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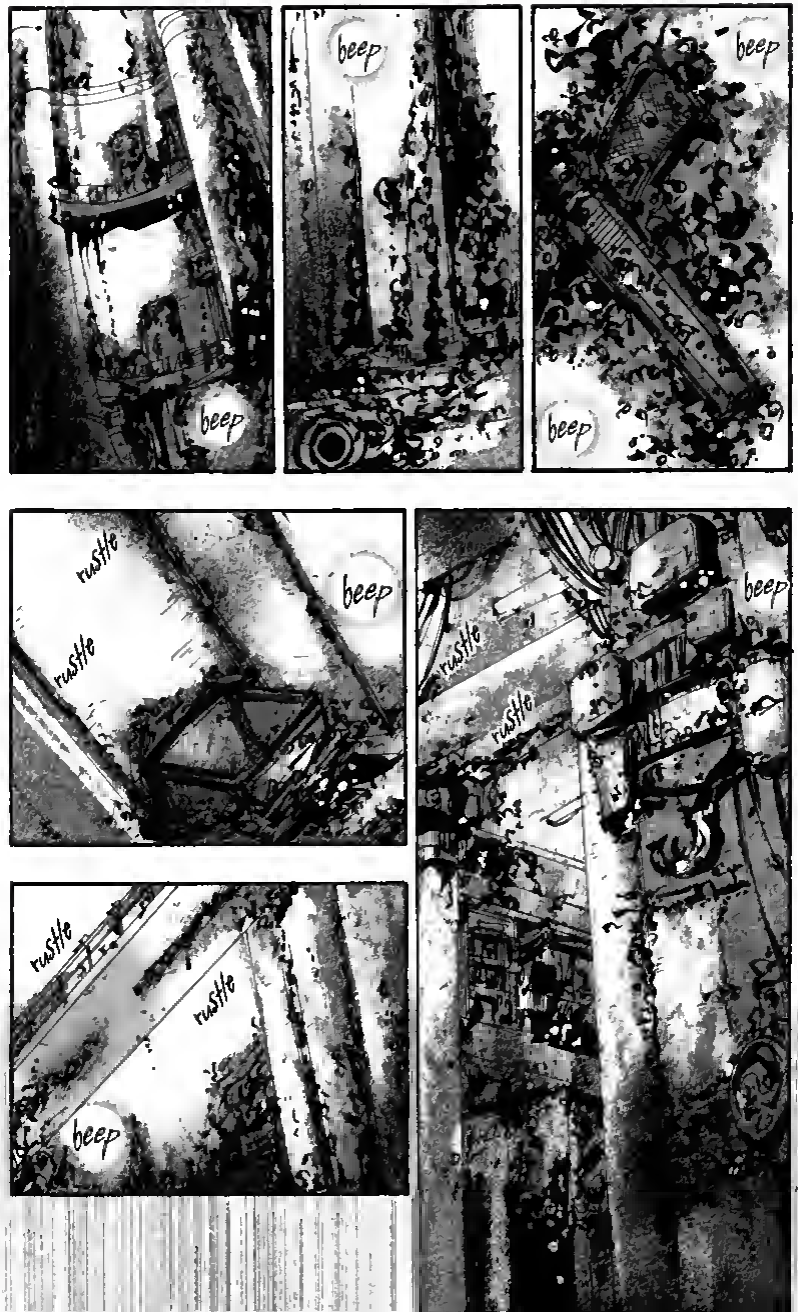
beep

beep
beep
beep
beep
THOSE MISSILES...
beep
WILL PROBABLY RAIN DOWN ON THEM
beep
beep
Final Day Remaining Time
02 : 02 : 56
beep
beep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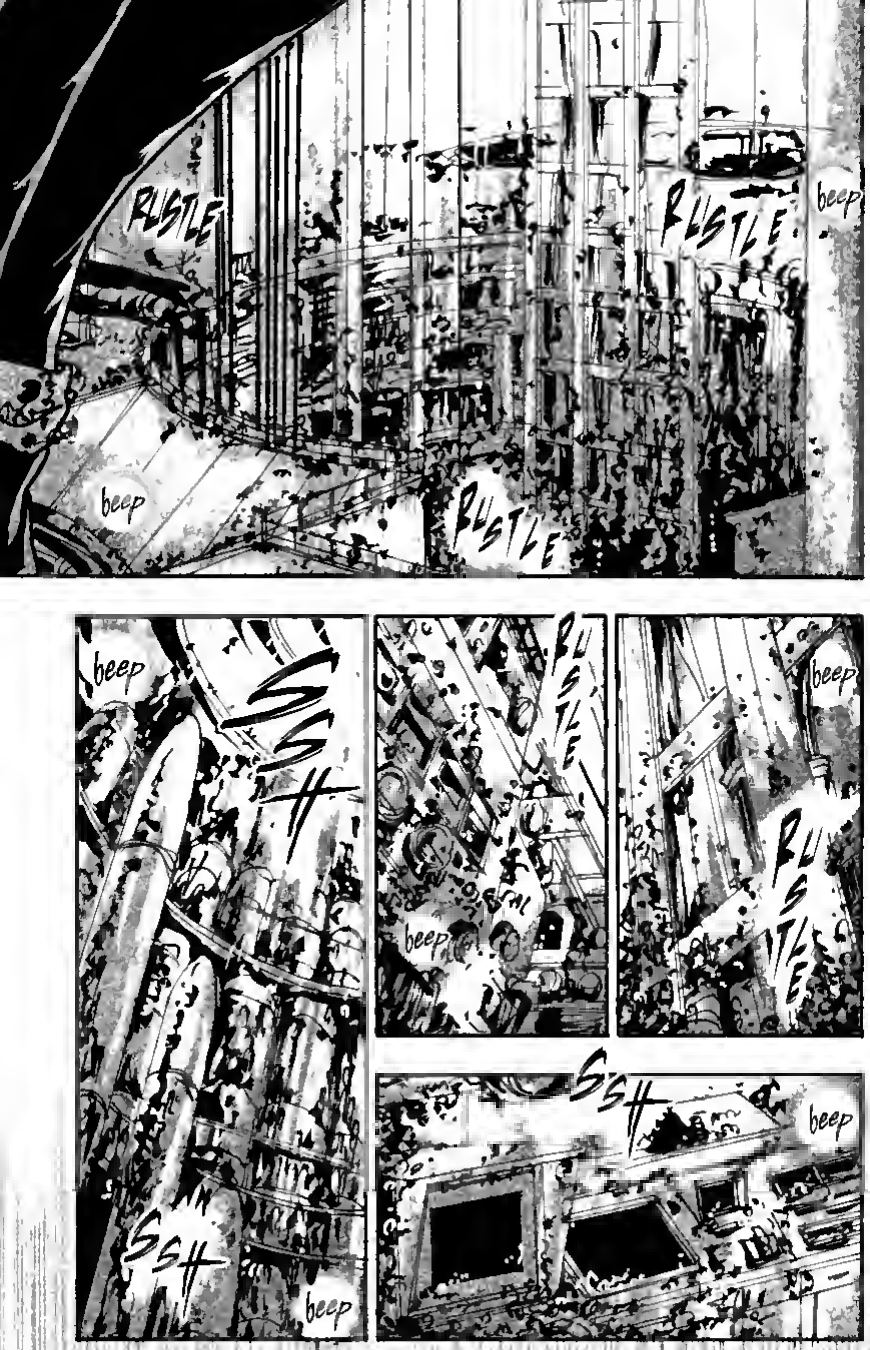
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SSH
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beep
beep
beep
beep
beep
beep

beep

g Time

34

beep

– Remaining Time

54 : 35

beep

Final Day – Remaining Time

01 : 54 : 36

Final Day – Remaining Time

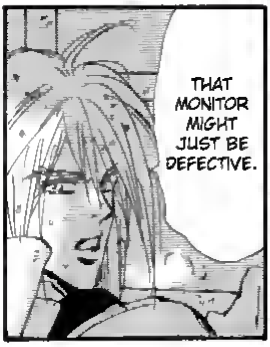
01 : 54 : 34

ng Time
34

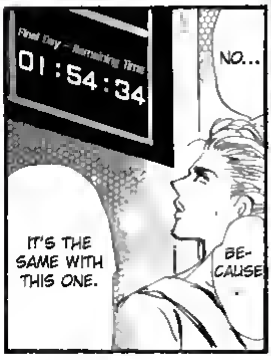
Remaining Time
4:34

01:54:34

Final Day - Remaining Time
01:54:34


THAT MONITOR MIGHT JUST BE DEFECTIVE.

DID IT... STOP ...?


Final Day - Remaining Time
01:54:34
NO...
BE-CAUSE
IT'S THE SAME WITH THIS ONE.

IT'S SILENT.
THERE'S NO SOUND...

WHAT ?
NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT,
THE RUMBLING STOPPED TOO.

CLANK
WHIPR

♫
♪

splish
splish

THE POWER ...

HUH?

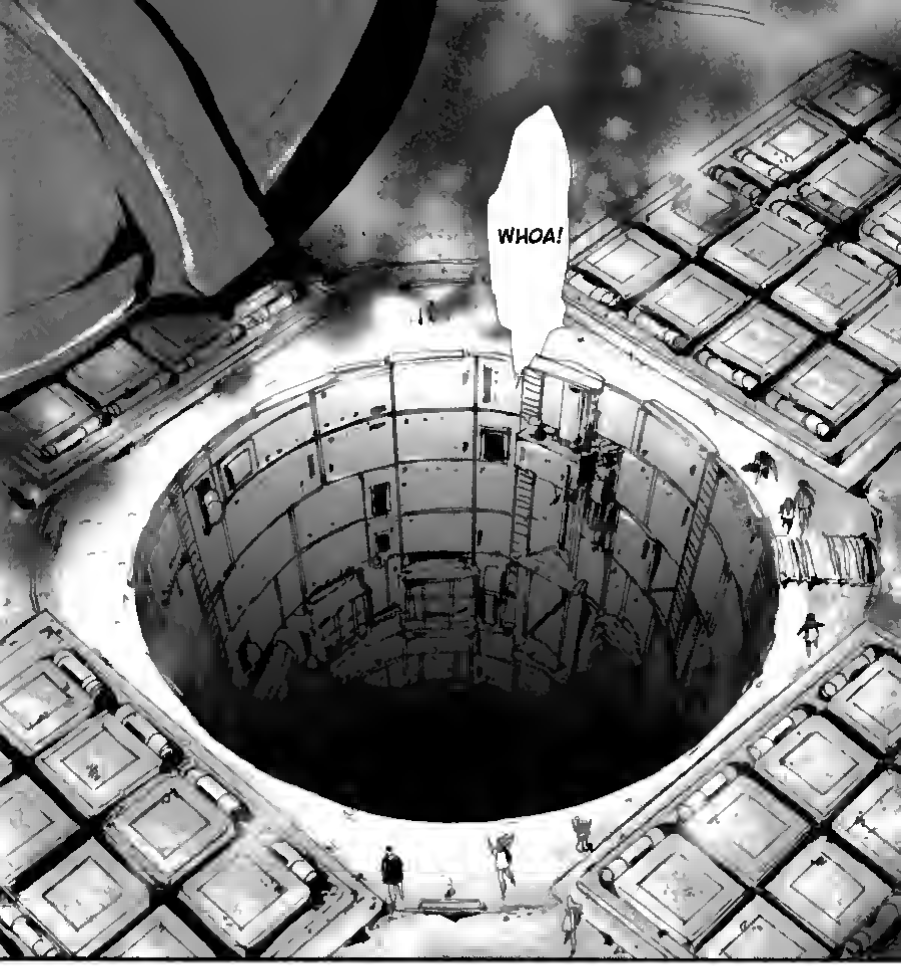
THE LIGHTS...
ARE GOING OFF...

THE POWER WENT OFF...
WAS THE MISSILE LAUNCH ..
STOPPED TOO...?
HUH?
WHAT ...?
REALLY ?!
WHY?!
HOW COME?!
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
...I SEE.
DIDN'T I SAY SO MYSELF SEVERAL TIMES?
THAT THOSE BACTERIA COULD CAUSE MALFUNC-TIONS...?
THE BACTERIA ?!

THE BACTERIA ...
STOPPED THOSE MISSILES?!

Flew
SIZE
SIZE
thud
NATSU,
I'M SURE THAT WAS YOUR FEAT.
HUH?
BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND EVERY-WHERE...
THE BACTERIA SPREAD.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ACTIVATED THEM TOO.
THEY PROLIFERATED IN PLACES...
WHICH THEY HADN'T OCCUPIED UNTIL NOW.
IN RESULT, THEY DESTROYED ALL THE MACHINERY.
Hah
HE, HE HE...
HE, HE.

THEY'RE AWE-SOME...
WHILE WE WERE WORKING OUR ASSES OFF,
THOSE INSECTS TOOK CARE OF IT.
THAT'S GREAT.
IT'S...
KIND OF AMAZING, ISN'T IT?
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT?
Damn it
Um.
WHAT ARE THOSE BACTERIA ANYWAY?
DIDN'T YOU SEE THEM?
NO, I DIDN'T.
They aren't in-sects
I'M SURE...
THOSE BACTERIA MERELY WANTED TO SURVIVE.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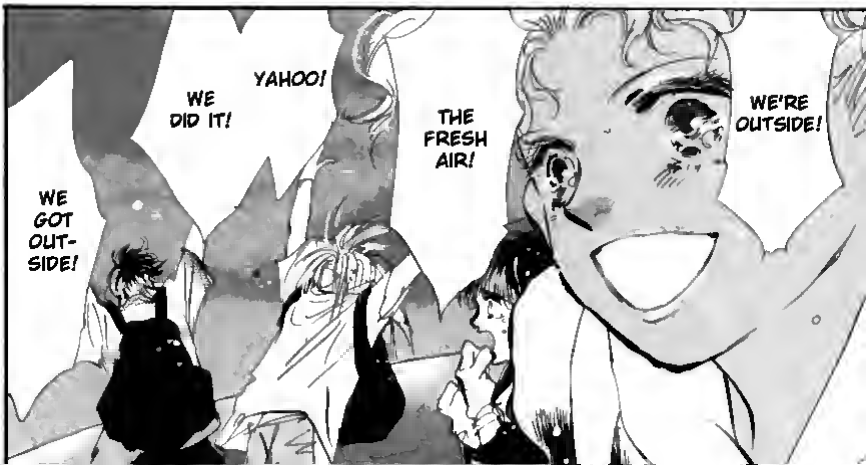
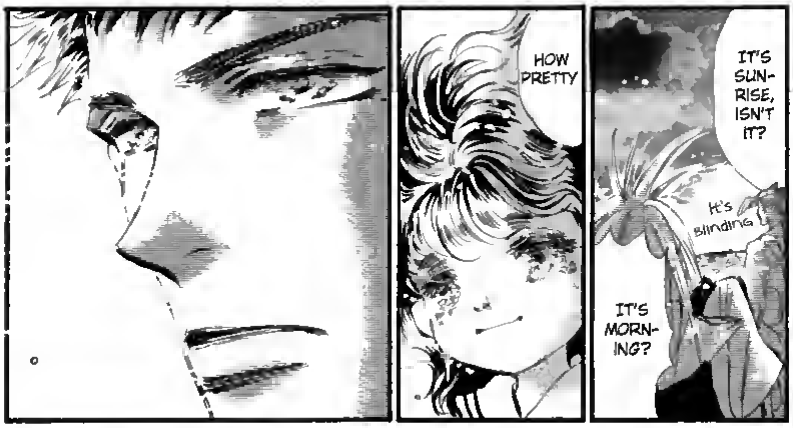

WE'RE OUTSIDE!
THE FRESH AIR!
YAHOO!
WE DID IT!
WE GOT OUT-SIDE!


HOW PRETTY
IT'S SUN-RISE, ISN'T IT?
It's blinding!
IT'S MORN-ING?

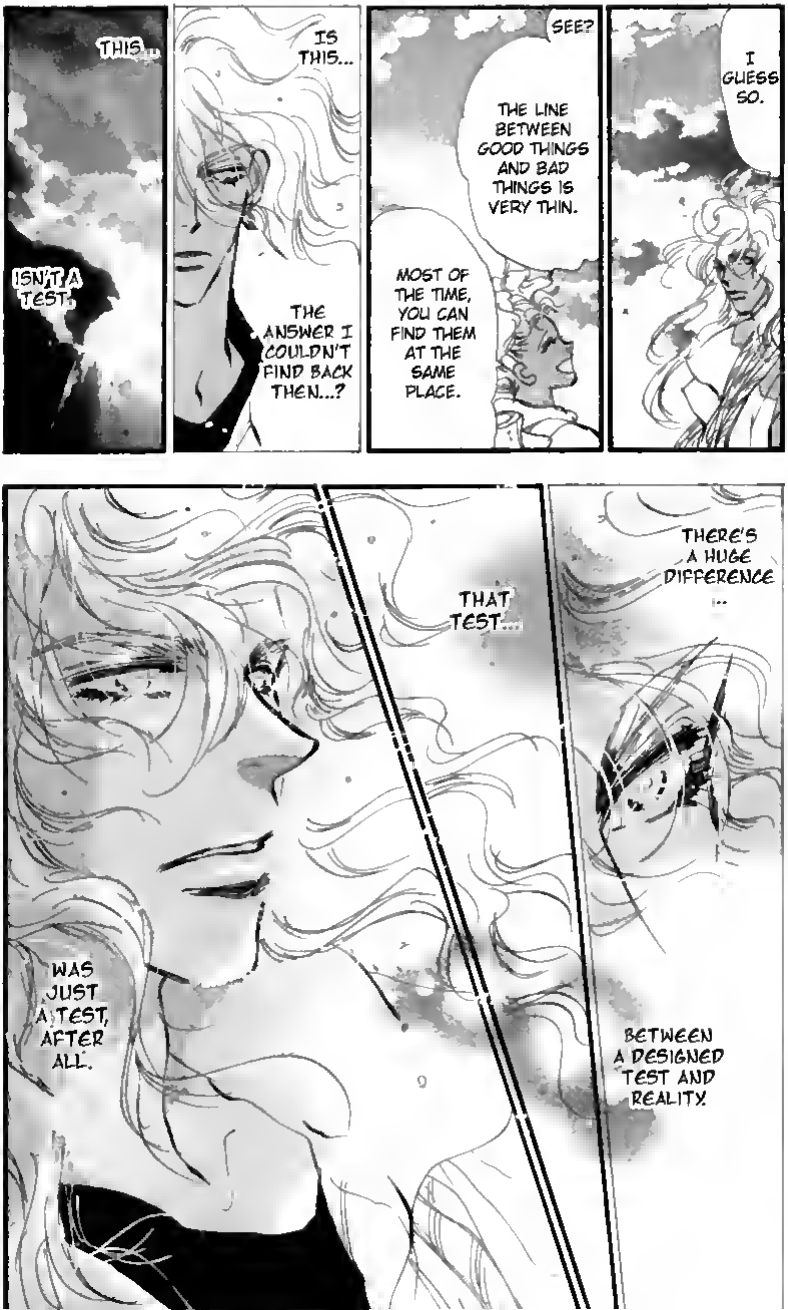
THE MORN-ING SUN...
IS MERELY A SIGN...
THAT A NEW DAY DAWNS...
THAT ...
FEELS SO GOOD...
THE FEEL-ING...
HOW YOUR WHOLE BODY IS CHARGED WITH ENERGY WHEN YOU BATHE IN THE MORNING SUN.

RYO-KUN,

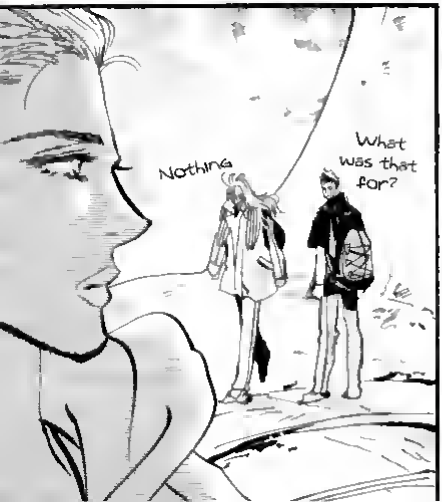
DON'T YOU THINK IT A LITTLE TOO?

THAT IT WAS GOOD TO COME HERE?

A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED THOUGH.


THIS...
ISN'T A TEST.
IS THIS...
THE ANSWER I COULDN'T FIND BACK THEN...?
SEE?
THE LINE BETWEEN GOOD THINGS AND BAD THINGS IS VERY THIN.
MOST OF THE TIME, YOU CAN FIND THEM AT THE SAME PLACE.
I GUESS SO.
THERE'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE ...
THAT TEST...
WAS JUST A TEST, AFTER ALL.
BETWEEN A DESIGNED TEST AND REALITY.

slap


Nothing
What was that for?

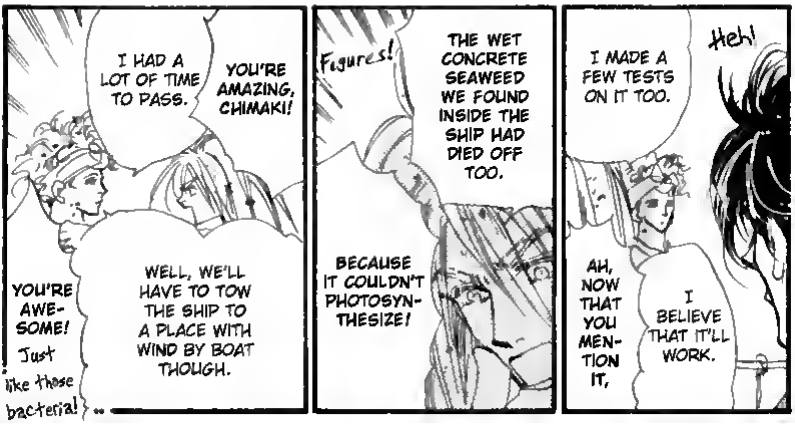
REALITY...
ISN'T A TEST.

TO ALLOW US ALL TO DIE...
THE POISON THEY FORCED US TO TAKE ALONG...
WITH SOME DIGNITY ...
toss
...EVEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENS,
I WON'T RELY ON THAT.
clank
clank
BOTAN-SAN, DID YOU THROW SOMETHING AWAY?!
YEAH, I'M SORRY.
YOU MUSTN'T LITTER THE PLACE.

sigh
CLIMBING UP AND CLIMBING DOWN...
AGAIN AND YET AGAIN.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
BECAUSE OF THOSE BACTERIA...
THE SHIP MIGHT LOSE ITS BALANCE.
RIGHT.
LET'S HURRY.
THIS IS THE TOP OF THE SHIP.
SO WE HAVE TO CLIMB DOWN TO THE SURFACE.
We mustn't relax yet.
The bacteria will come.
OKAY.
LET'S GO.
Yay!
WAY TO GO, NATSU!
YEAH
I WANT TO JOIN IN AS WELL!
I KIND OF FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE FOR DAYS.
EVEN THOUGH ...
IT HAS ONLY BEEN ONE NIGHT...
ME TOO.

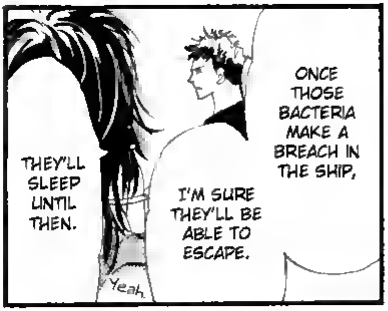
WELL, YES. I HAD A LEISURELY TIME.
WELCOME BACK.
HUH?
HELLO, CHIMAKI!
EVERY-THING OKAY?
splash
YEAH.
IT SMELLS BURNED!
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M BURNING...
SCRAP WOODS FROM THE SHIPS AROUND HERE.
splish splish
OH, YEAH. NOW I REMEMBER.
THERE'S NO WIND, EITHER.
splish splish
...UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SEAWEED THAT'S CLINGING TO THE SHIP...
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE.
I'VE MADE...
A LOT OF CHAR-COAL.
CHAR-COAL?!
Why again?

THERE ISN'T...
I GAVE SOME THOUGHT AS TO WHY THAT IS...
I saw that when I fell into the water
ANY SEAWEED RIGHT BELOW THE SHIP.
Have you been well, Chimaki?
HUH?
YES, THAT'S WHY...
I MADE CHAR-COAL.
That sounds ominous.
IS IT FROM SCIENCE ?!
IT IS, ISN'T IT?
PHOTO-SYN... ?!
PHOTO-SYNTHE-SIS?
The hint was PHOTO-SYNTHE-SIS.
splish
splish
APPARENTLY, PHOTOSYN-THESIS IS IMPERATIVE FOR THIS SEAWEED.
THAT'S WHY IT DOESN'T LIKE THE SHADE.
FOR THAT REASON, I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL LET GO OF THE SHIP IF WE GRIND THE CHARCOAL INTO POWDER,
SPRINKLE IT AROUND THE SHIP,
AND THUS BLOCK THE SUNLIGHT.

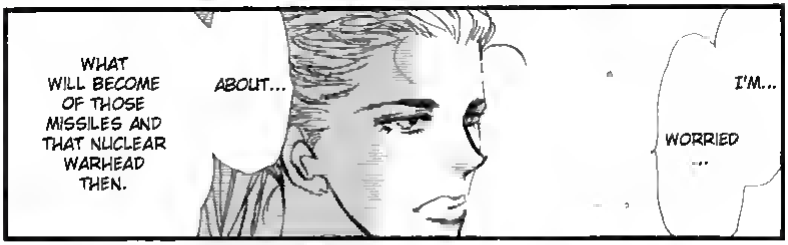

I HAD A LOT OF TIME TO PASS.
YOU'RE AMAZING, CHIMAKI!
WELL, WE'LL HAVE TO TOW THE SHIP TO A PLACE WITH WIND BY BOAT THOUGH.
YOU'RE AWE-SOME!
Just like these bacteria!
Figures!
THE WET CONCRETE SEAWEED WE FOUND INSIDE THE SHIP HAD DIED OFF TOO.
BECAUSE IT COULDN'T PHOTOSYN-THESIZE!
I MADE A FEW TESTS ON IT TOO.
Heh!
AH, NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT,
I BELIEVE THAT IT'LL WORK.

I only took two of them with me.
AND AFTER I WANTED TO SET THOSE TURTLES FREE ..

IT LOOKS LIKE A GRAVE-STONE ..
DON'T YOU THINK?

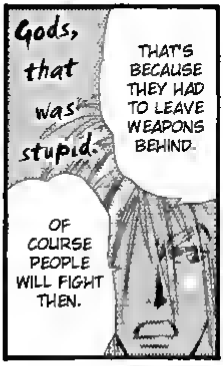

ONCE THOSE BACTERIA MAKE A BREACH IN THE SHIP,
I'M SURE THEY'LL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE.
THEY'LL SLEEP UNTIL THEN.
Yeah.

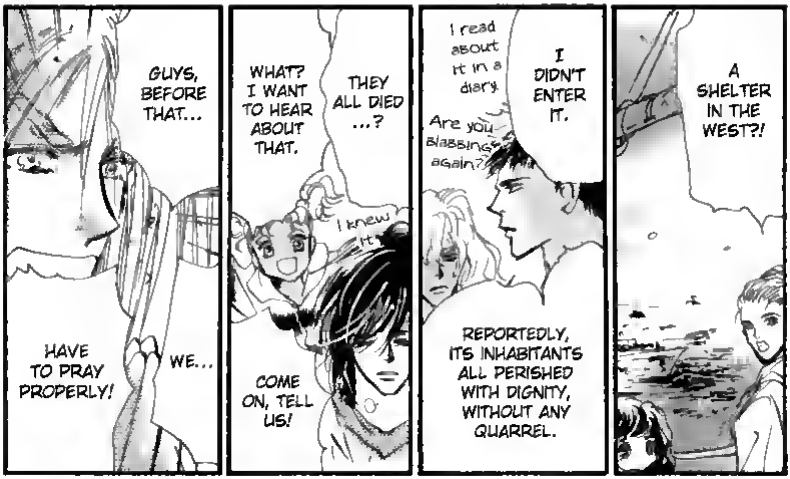
SOONER OR LATER, IT'LL COLLAPSE AND SINK.
I WONDER HOW LONG IT'LL STAND THERE.

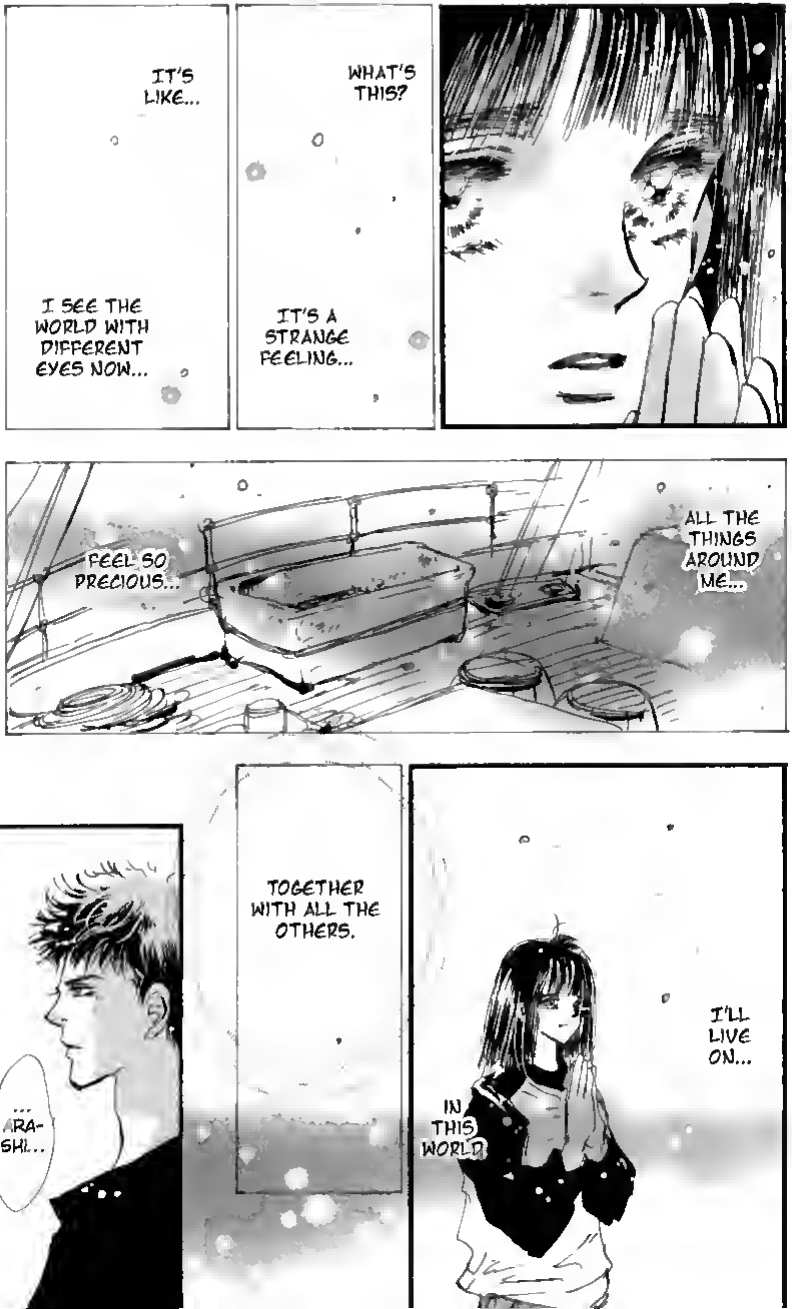

WHAT WILL BECOME OF THOSE MISSILES AND THAT NUCLEAR WARHEAD THEN.
ABOUT...
I'M... WORRIED ...

THAT SHELTER IN THE WEST WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THIS ONE.
IS THAT BECAUSE THERE ARE WEAPONS HERE...?

BY THE WAY, YOU SAID THAT THOSE THINGS BACK THEN WERE WATER CANNONS, RIGHT?
WERE WEAPONS TOO.
You were pretty keen on fighting.
OOPS!
I THINK THAT THOSE DEVICES ON DECK...


Gods, that was stupid.
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY HAD TO LEAVE WEAPONS BEHIND.
OF COURSE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT THEN.


GUYS, BEFORE THAT...
HAVE TO PRAY PROPERLY!
WE...
WHAT? I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT.
THEY ALL DIED ...?
I knew it.
COME ON, TELL US!
I read about it in a diary.
Are you blabbing again?
I DIDN'T ENTER IT.
REPORTEDLY, ITS INHABITANTS ALL PERISHED WITH DIGNITY, WITHOUT ANY QUARREL.
A SHELTER IN THE WEST?!


IT'S LIKE...
I SEE THE WORLD WITH DIFFERENT EYES NOW...
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A STRANGE FEELING...
FEEL SO PRECIOUS...
ALL THE THINGS AROUND ME...
... ARA-SHI...
TOGETHER WITH ALL THE OTHERS.
IN THIS WORLD
I'LL LIVE ON...

YES?
THERE ...
IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU.
HANA..
IS ALREADY DEAD.

I'LL
LIVE ON
HERE.

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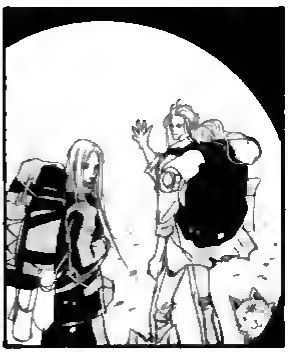
Interlude
【—Moonlight*—】

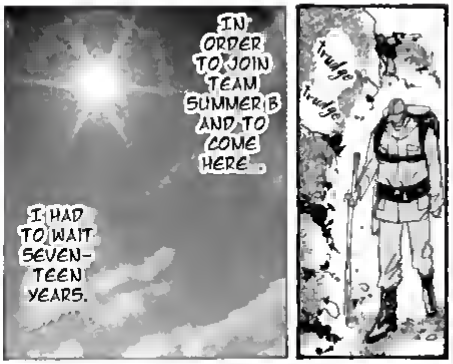
YOU'LL BE BANNED.

ANGO DIDN'T HELP HER.
AS A PUNISH-MENT...
HANA WAS WASHED AWAY.

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ANGO?

TO THINK THAT TEAM SUMMER A WOULD SPLIT UP SO EASILY.
AND AYU AND ARAMAKI WENT OFF ON THEIR OWN...
WHY?




IN ORDER TO JOIN TEAM SUMMER B AND TO COME HERE.
I HAD TO WAIT SEVEN-TEEN YEARS.
trudge
trudge

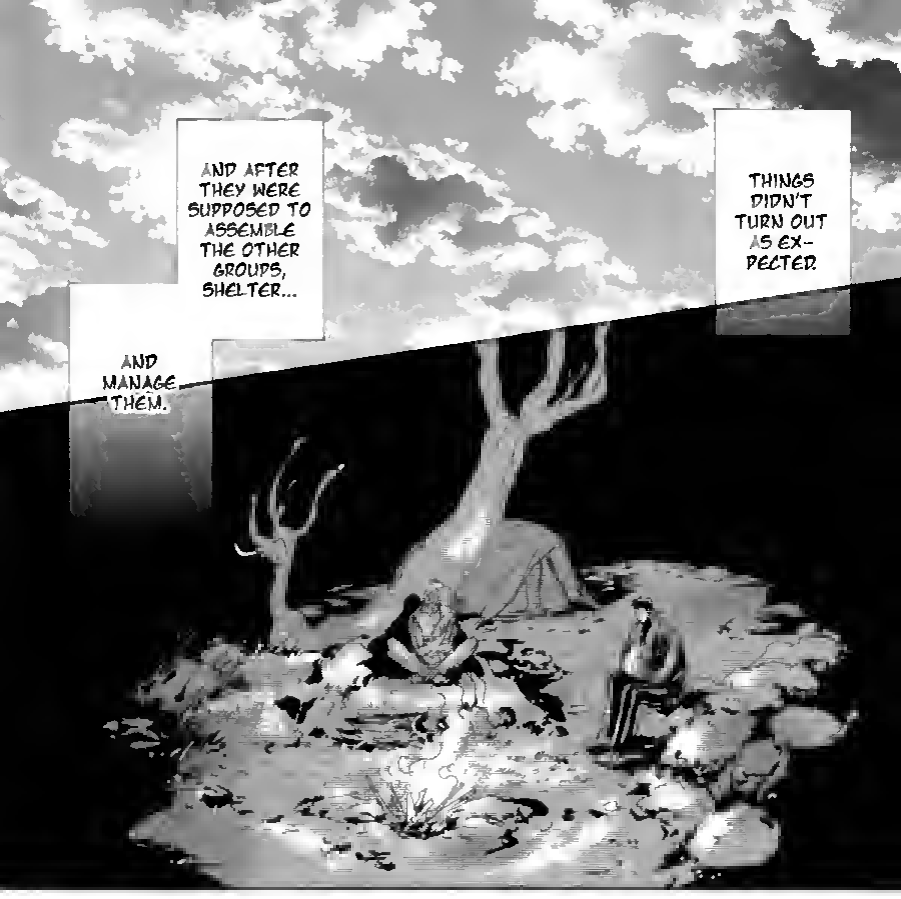
TAKASHI-SENPAI,
MAYBE I...
HAVE FAILED, AFTER ALL.

SINCE I'D HAVE BEEN TOO OLD BY THEN,
I WAS PUT INTO A COLD SLEEP WAY BEFORE THEM.

I COULD SPEND A FEW YEARS AFTER-WARDS.
BUT THEY'VE ...
STARTED THEIR LIVES HERE RIGHT AFTER THAT DAY.

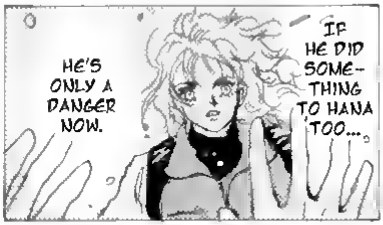
I HAVE RECORDED MOST OF THEM NOW, I SUPPOSE
THERE WILL STILL BE PEOPLE I HAVEN'T MET YET...
Lunch break
THAT'S WHY, ASIDE FROM TEAM SUMMER A, I DIDN'T KNOW WHO ELSE WAS CHOSEN.

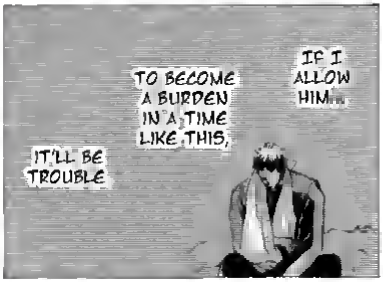
WATCH THE ANIMALS OF THIS WORLD PROPERLY,
AND STUDY THEM.
GENGORO,
SHE CAN SMILE A LITTLE AGAIN.
READ THE WIND AND CLOUDS.
KORURI.
NIJIKO.
AND DON'T ALLOW HER TO DIE.
PROTECT THAT PREGNANT GIRL,
BAN,
WHY DIDN'T SHE ACCOMPANY RYO?
SHE'S STILL A MYSTERY


THINGS DIDN'T TURN OUT AS EXPECTED.
AND AFTER THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO ASSEMBLE THE OTHER GROUPS, SHELTER...
AND MANAGE THEM.

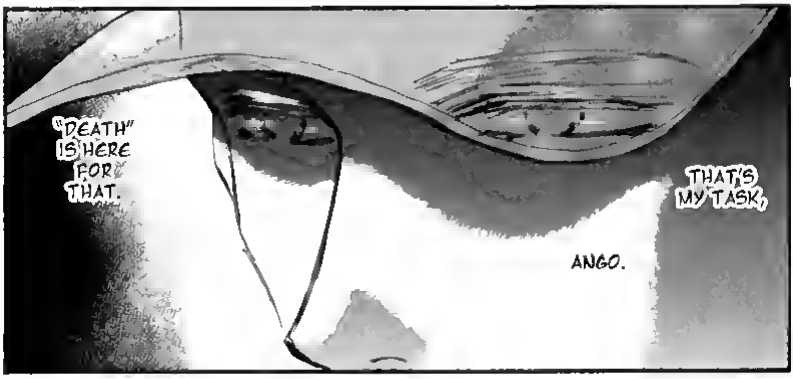
THERE'S THAT TOO, TAKASHI-SENPAI.
BUT I HAVE OTHER REASONS AS WELL.
KANAME, YOU WANT TO JOIN TEAM B,
TO WATCH OVER THEM, RIGHT?
AND GO WITH THEM, DON'T YOU?

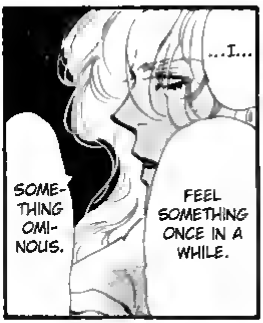
ANGO HAS ALREADY KILLED ONE OF THE GUIDES.


HE'S ONLY A DANGER NOW.
IF HE DID SOME-THING TO HANA TOO....

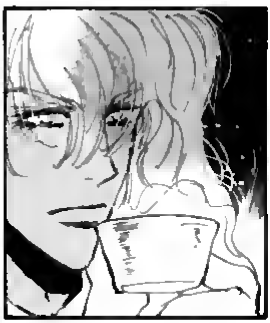

IT'LL BE TROUBLE
TO BECOME A BURDEN IN A TIME LIKE THIS,
IF I ALLOW HIM...

IF I REALLY FAILED,
I'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM.


"DEATH" IS HERE FOR THAT.
THAT'S MY TASK,
ANGO.


...I...
FEEL SOMETHING ONCE IN A WHILE.
SOME-THING OMI-NOUS.

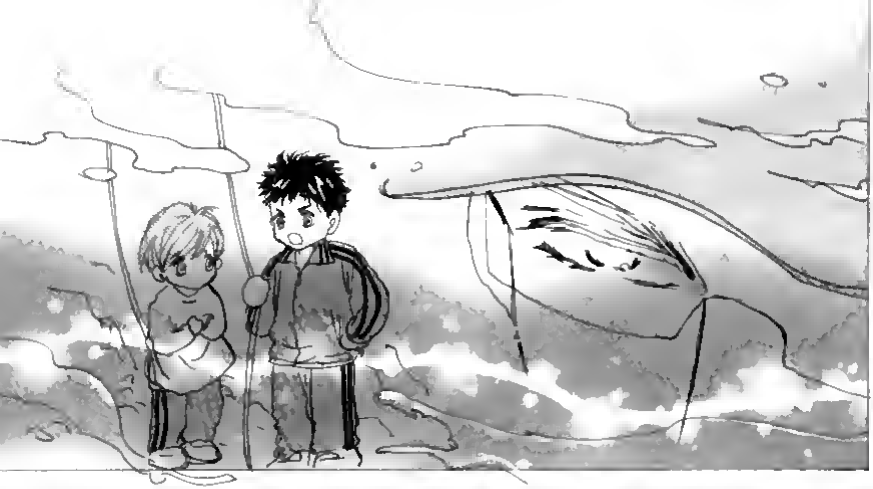
RYO,
WHAT'S WRONG ?



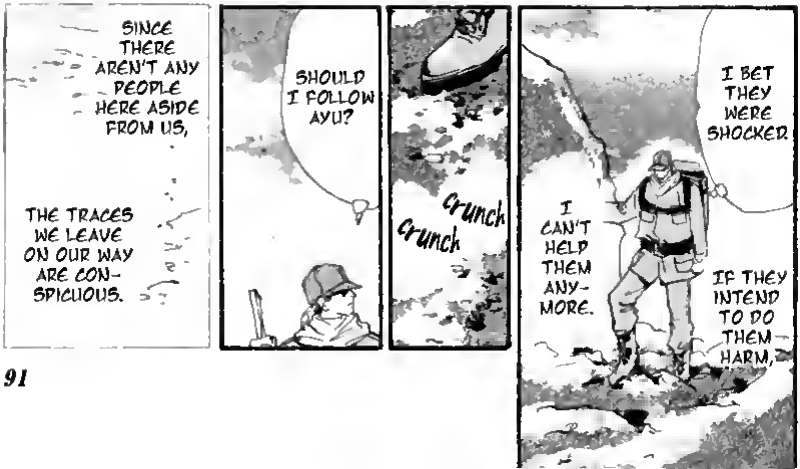
MAYBE ...
THERE'S SOME PREDATORY ANIMAL AROUND...

ARE AS DENSE AS A POTATO BEETLE WHICH IS STUCK IN THE MUD
YOU...
OH, YEAH?

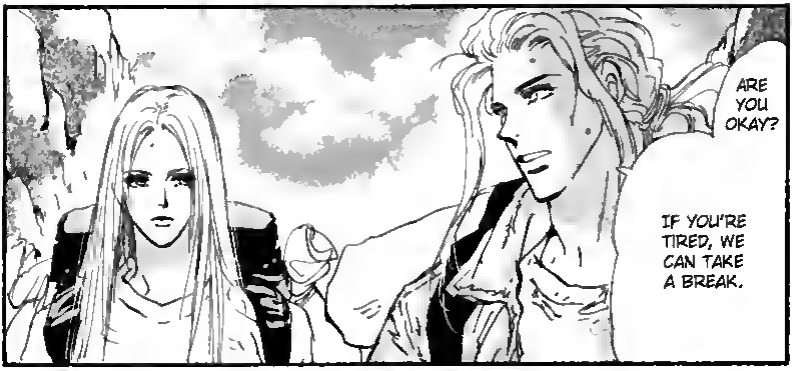
ANGO AND RYO...
CAME ACROSS TEAM SUMMER B.
WHY DID HE ATTACH HIMSELF TO ANGO?
RYO IS REALLY STUTE.
THAT REMINDS ME,
WHAT HAPPENED TO UNAMI-SENPAI?
I DON'T REALLY CARE, THOUGH ...
He's showing unexpected traits too
ANGO HAS STARTED LOOKING AFTER NATSU
BUT HIS READINESS TO HELP HASN'T CHANGED.
SEMIMARU IS AT THE TOP OF HIS FORM...
AS USUAL.
APPARENTLY, THEY DON'T COP...
THE SAME SUPERIOR ATTITUDE WITH THEM AS THEY DID WITH TEAM AUTUMN.

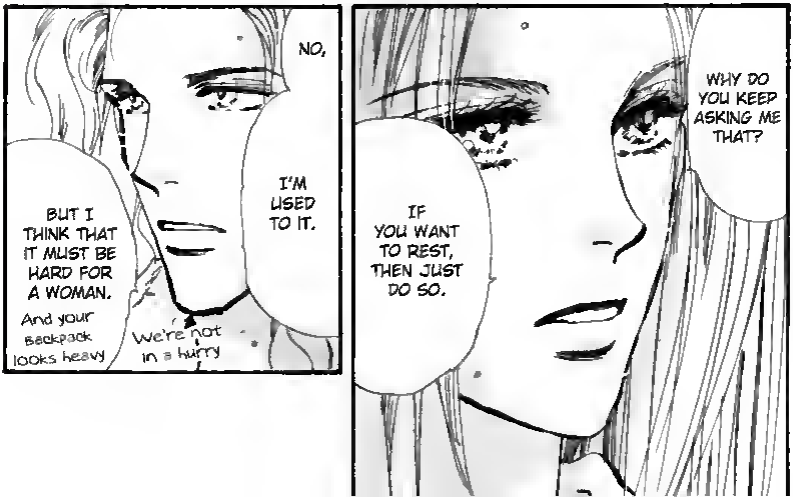


I WONDER WHAT THEY THOUGHT WHEN THEY MET TEAM SUMMER B.
SHOULD I WAIT AND SEE HOW EVENTS PLAY OUT...?


SINCE THERE AREN'T ANY PEOPLE HERE ASIDE FROM US,
THE TRACES WE LEAVE ON OUR WAY ARE CONSPICUOUS.
SHOULD I FOLLOW AYU?
Crunch Crunch
I BET THEY WERE SHOCKED.
I CAN'T HELP THEM ANYMORE.
IF THEY INTEND TO DO THEM HARM,

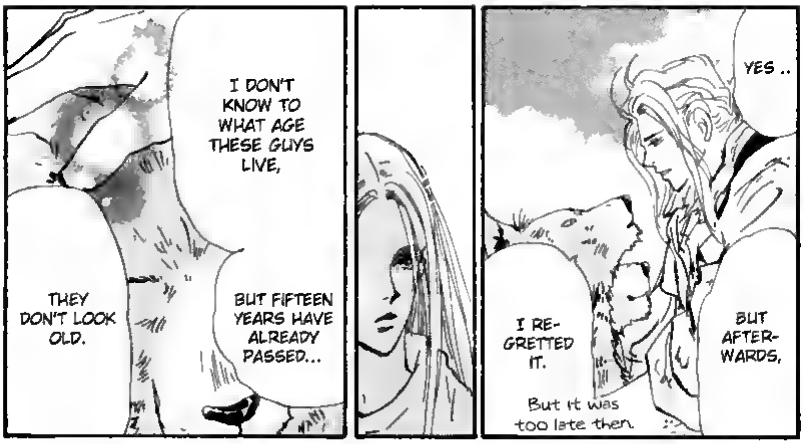
AS WELL AS SIGNS OF HUNTING...
AND GATHERING.
WE LEAVE REMAINS OF CAMP FIRES...
AND EXCREMENTS.
TRACKS WHICH CAN BE USED BY HUMANS ARE LIMITED ANYWAY.

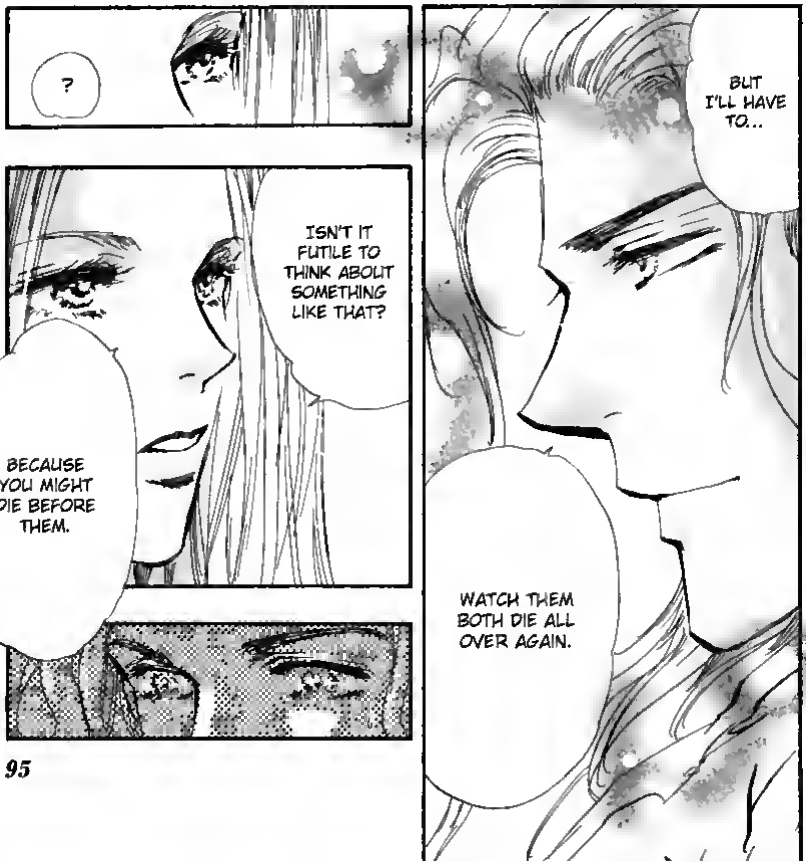

ARE YOU OKAY?
IF YOU'RE TIRED, WE CAN TAKE A BREAK.

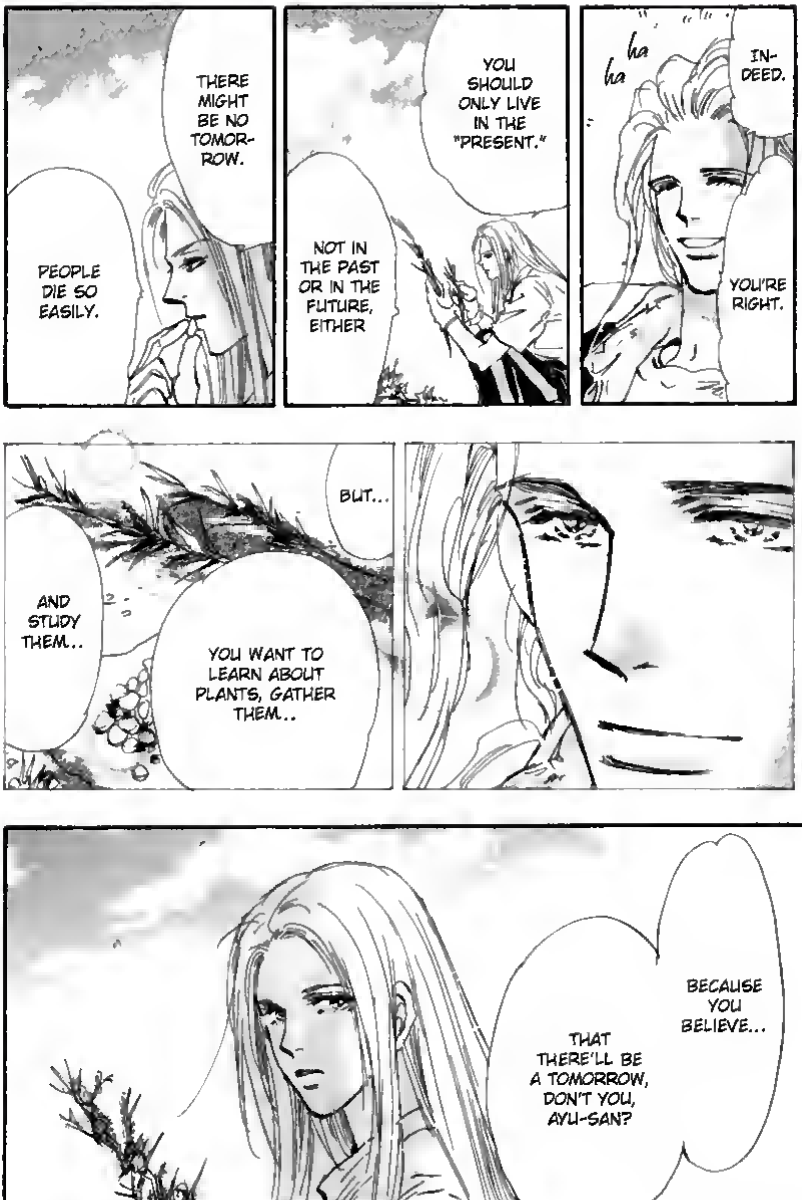

NO,
I'M USED TO IT.
BUT I THINK THAT IT MUST BE HARD FOR A WOMAN.
And your backpack looks heavy
We're not in a hurry
WHY DO YOU KEEP ASKING ME THAT?
IF YOU WANT TO REST, THEN JUST DO SO.

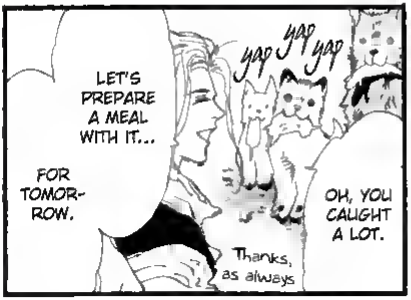
It's not so much about whether you're female or male, but if you're clever or stupid
WE HAD TO COPE WITH THE SAME TASKS.
AND WE TOOK THE SAME TESTS.
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE ABOUT OUR STRENGTH, THOUGH...
IN OUR FACILITY, THEY HARDLY TREATED BOYS AND GIRLS ANY DIFFERENTLY.
I WOULDN'T EVEN MIND IF WE RAN THE WHOLE DISTANCE.
I DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN WHEN IT COMES TO FITNESS.
Heh.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE.
THEY DON'T GROW IN THE SOUTH.
Ah,
THAT TREE.
ITS FRUITS ARE LIKE NUTS, AND THEY TASTE GOOD.
You can preserve them by roasting them
It has thorns, so be careful
I SEE
I'M SORRY!
I put my foot in it
Hmm.
IT LOOKS LIKE PURPLE WILLOW.
WILLOW SPECIES ARE EFFICACIOUS AGAINST FEVER..
AND THAT ONE...
IS GOOD FOR A COLD.

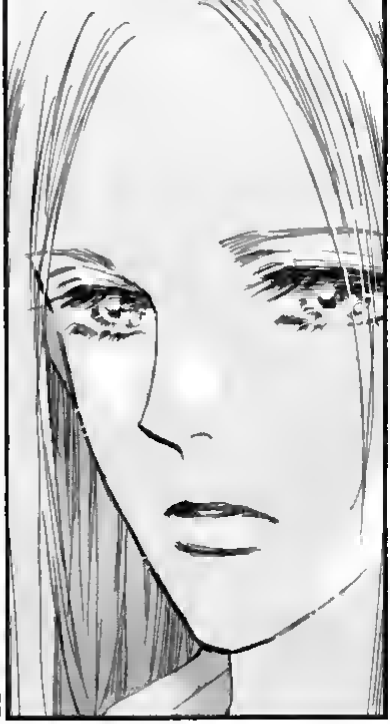
woof
woof
woof
WHAT'S WRONG, FUBUKI?
SO FIRST, I HAVE TO GATHER SAMPLES ...
IT'S QUITE UNEXPECTED THAT THE PLANTS HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH...
My stuff will increase again.
AND TAKE NOTES .. And make sketches.
I GUESS IT'S NOT NECESSARILY SO...
THAT PLANTS WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO FORMER ONES...
HAVE THE SAME COMPONENTS.
woof
woof
woof
AYU-SAN! THEY FOUND A SPRING!
shake
shake
SPLASH
SPLASH
FUBUKI!!
Ah, wait!
MITSURU-SAN!
Yahoo!
SPLASH
SPLASH
YOU TOOK THEM FROM MEMBERS OF YOUR TEAM, RIGHT?
THOSE NAMES,
We'll have to wait for the water to clear.
Ah, you've made it all muddy
FUBUKI...


I DON'T KNOW TO WHAT AGE THESE GUYS LIVE,
THEY DON'T LOOK OLD.
BUT FIFTEEN YEARS HAVE ALREADY PASSED...
YES ..
I RE-GRETTED IT.
BUT AFTER-WARDS,
But it was too late then.

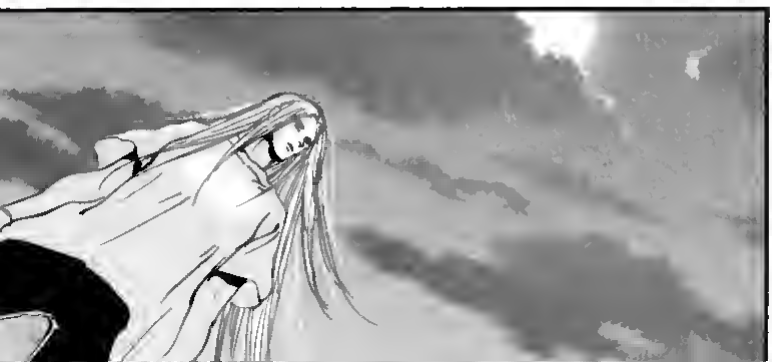

?
ISN'T IT FUTILE TO THINK ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
BECAUSE YOU MIGHT DIE BEFORE THEM.
BUT I'LL HAVE TO..
WATCH THEM BOTH DIE ALL OVER AGAIN.

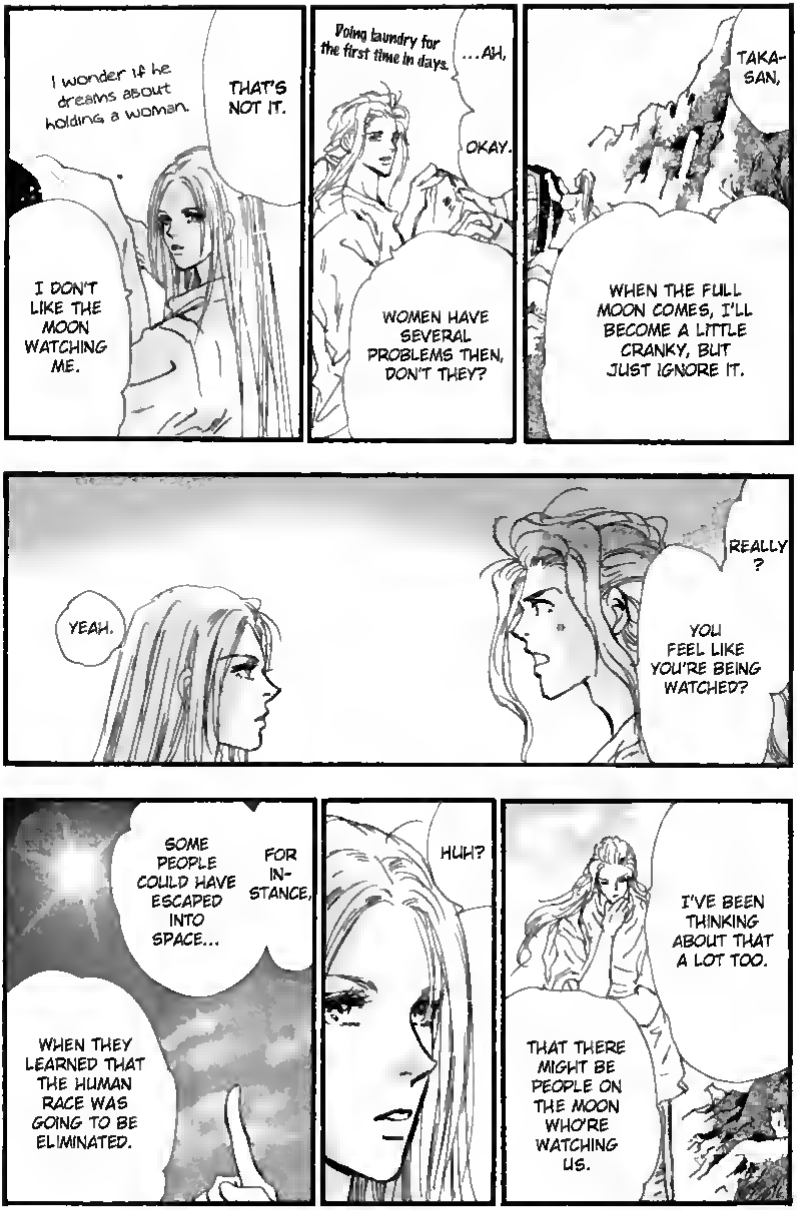

THERE MIGHT BE NO TOMOR-ROW.
PEOPLE DIE SO EASILY.
YOU SHOULD ONLY LIVE IN THE "PRESENT."
NOT IN THE PAST OR IN THE FUTURE, EITHER
ha ha
IN-DEED.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT...
AND STUDY THEM...
YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT PLANTS, GATHER THEM...
BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE...
THAT THERE'LL BE A TOMORROW, DON'T YOU, AYU-SAN?

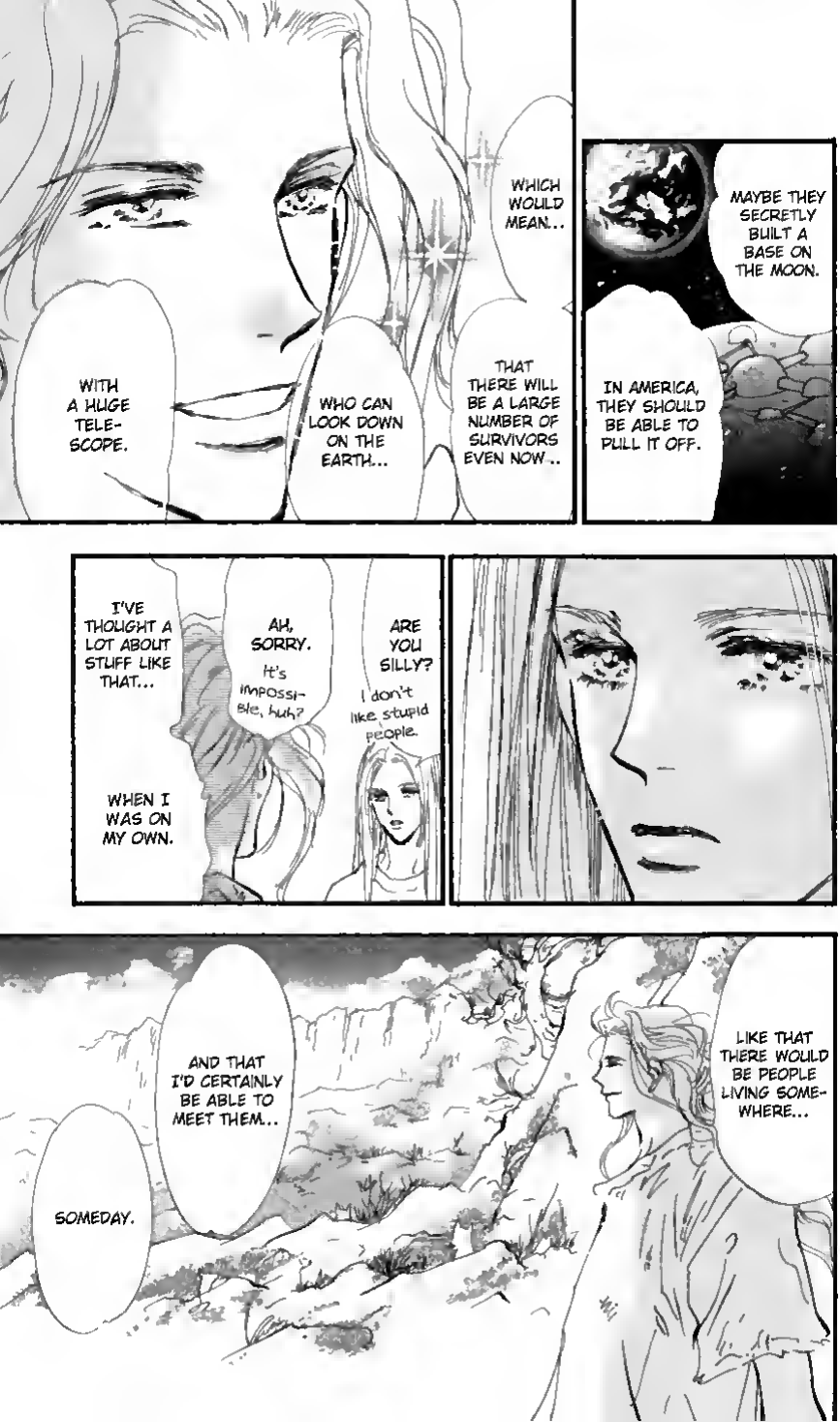

LET'S PREPARE A MEAL WITH IT...
FOR TOMOR-ROW.
yap yap yap
OH, YOU CAUGHT A LOT.
Thanks, as always



THE DOGS ARE GUARD-ING THE SURROUND-INGS.
SO I CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER.



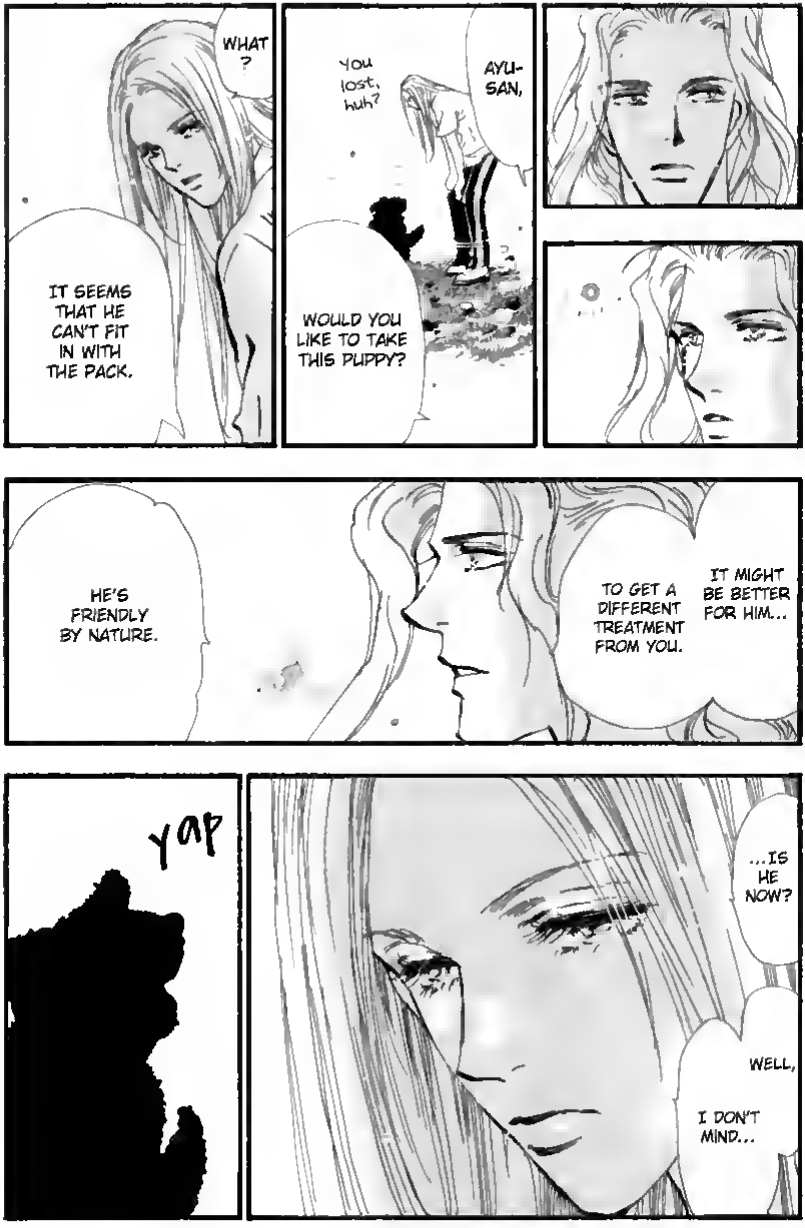

I wonder if he dreams about holding a woman.
THAT'S NOT IT.
I DON'T LIKE THE MOON WATCHING ME.
Doing laundry for the first time in days.
...AH, OKAY.
WOMEN HAVE SEVERAL PROBLEMS THEN, DON'T THEY?
TAKA-SAN,
WHEN THE FULL MOON COMES, I'LL BECOME A LITTLE CRANKY, BUT JUST IGNORE IT.
YEAH.
REALLY ?
YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE BEING WATCHED?
SOME PEOPLE COULD HAVE ESCAPED INTO SPACE...
FOR IN-STANCE,
WHEN THEY LEARNED THAT THE HUMAN RACE WAS GOING TO BE ELIMINATED.
HUH?
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT A LOT TOO.
THAT THERE MIGHT BE PEOPLE ON THE MOON WHO'RE WATCHING US.

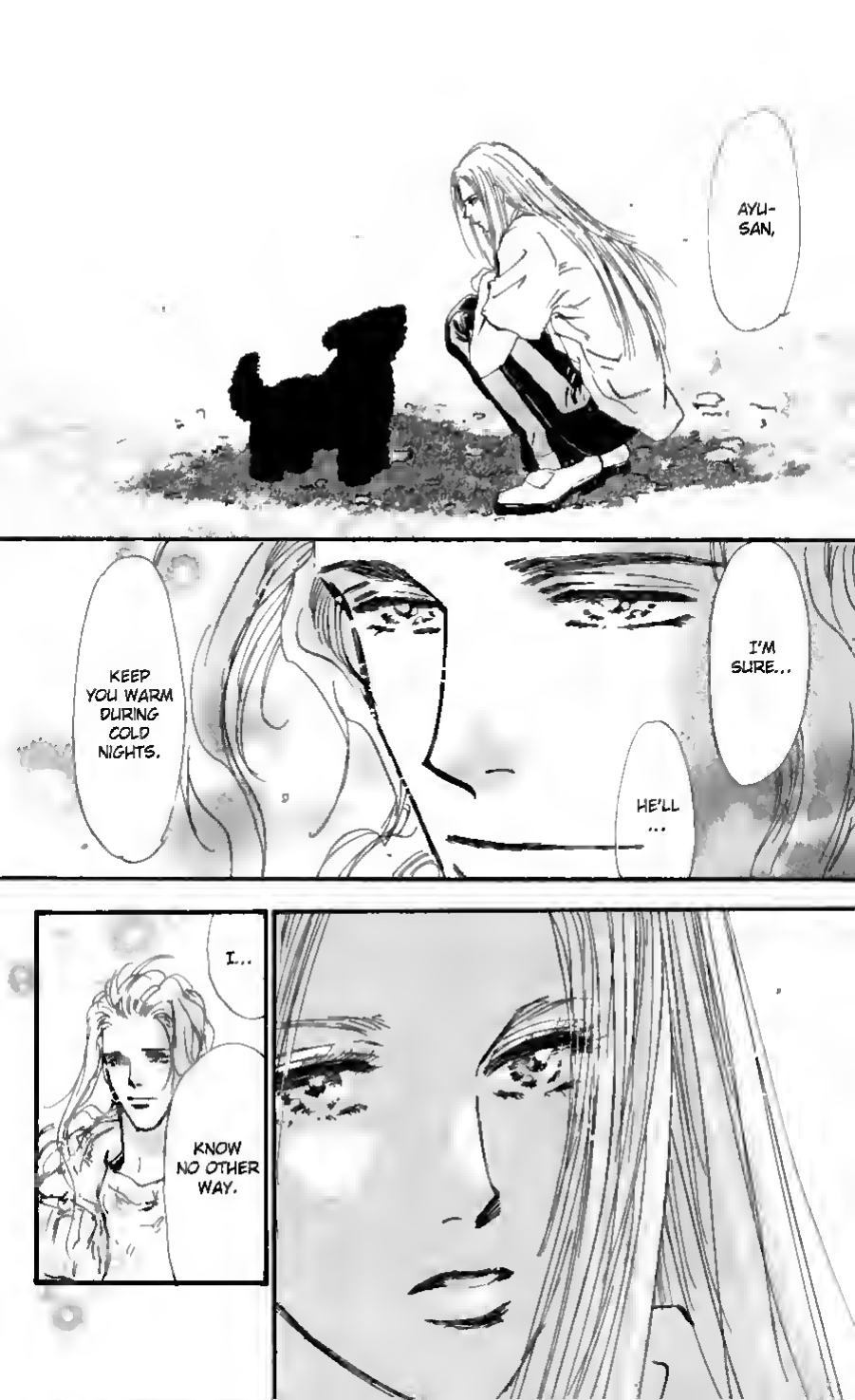

WITH A HUGE TELE-SCOPE.
WHO CAN LOOK DOWN ON THE EARTH...
THAT THERE WILL BE A LARGE NUMBER OF SURVIVORS EVEN NOW..
WHICH WOULD MEAN...
IN AMERICA, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF.
MAYBE THEY SECRETLY BUILT A BASE ON THE MOON.
I'VE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT...
WHEN I WAS ON MY OWN.
AH, SORRY.
It's impossi-ble, huh?
ARE YOU SILLY?
I don't like stupid people.
SOMEDAY.
AND THAT I'D CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO MEET THEM...
LIKE THAT THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE LIVING SOME-WHERE...

THAT'S WHY...
I'M TRULY HAPPY NOW.
Good night.
THAT SOUNDS CRAZY.
PEOPLE ON THE MOON...
BUT THINKING ABOUT IT LIKE THAT...
BUT AYU-SAN IS SO COMPOSED...
I WAS AFRAID THAT I'D FEEL NERVOUS...
AND AWK-WARD IF I TRAVELLED TOGETHER WITH A WOMAN.
MAKES ME LOOK REALLY FOOLISH.
BUT STILL...
THAT IT'S KIND OF FUN.

woof woof
yelp yelp

THEY DO THAT ONCE IN A WHILE. With the other puppies too
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WANT TO SHOW THEM WHO'S THE LEADER.
AND WHO'S SUPERIOR OR INFERIOR.
AH... NOT AGAIN
TAKA-SAN,
THEY'RE TORTURING THE BLACK PUPPY.
HE'S A CHEEKY ONE.
yelp
woof
woof
yelp
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY BIT HIM SERIOUSLY.
WILL HE BE OKAY?
cough
whine
cough
SOME-TIMES, THEY DO IT SECRETLY AT NIGHT.
woof
yelp
woof
APPARENTLY, THAT'S HOW THINGS GO IN A PACK
BUT I'M SURE HE'S IN PAIN.


WHAT ?
IT SEEMS THAT HE CAN'T FIT IN WITH THE PACK.
AYU-SAN,
You lost, huh?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE THIS PUPPY?
HE'S FRIENDLY BY NATURE.
TO GET A DIFFERENT TREATMENT FROM YOU.
IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR HIM...
YAP
...IS HE NOW?
WELL, I DON'T MIND...


AYU-SAN,
KEEP YOU WARM DURING COLD NIGHTS.
I'M SURE...
HE'LL ...
I...
KNOW NO OTHER WAY.

Please take good care of him.
BY THE WAY, HIS NAME IS KURODA.

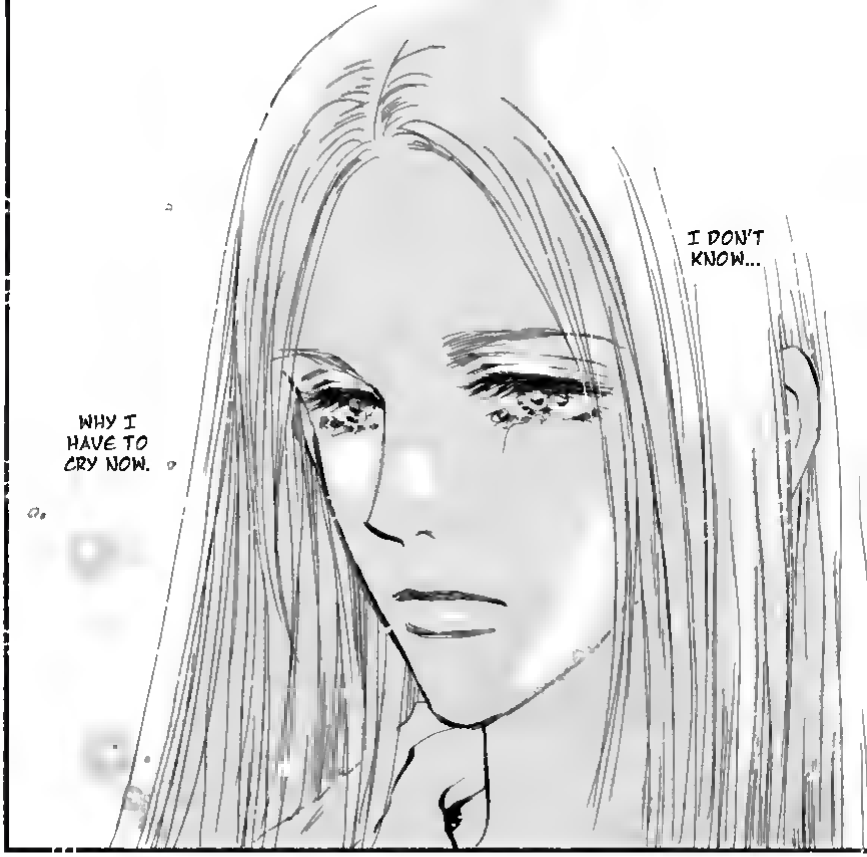
It's a mnemonic.
yap
BECAUSE HE'S BLACK ...?

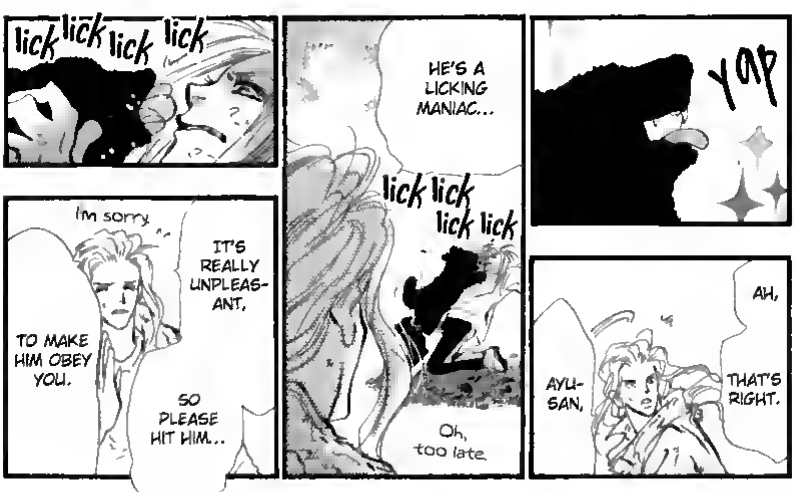
KURODA ...HUH?
whine whine

whine
sniff
A DOG MIGHT COME IN HANDY.

whine whine

BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SOOTHE SOMEONE...
LIKE FUBUKI, WHO STOPPED MITSURU-SAN...
BY PULLING HER INTO HIS ARMS.


I DON'T KNOW...
WHY I HAVE TO CRY NOW.


lick lick lick lick
I'm sorry.
IT'S REALLY UNPLEASANT,
TO MAKE HIM OBEY YOU.
SO PLEASE HIT HIM...
HE'S A LICKING MANIAC...
lick lick lick lick
Oh, too late.
YAP
AH,
AYU-SAN,
THAT'S RIGHT.

wave
NO,
THAT..
DOESN'T GO FOR ME EITHER.
NO,
IF SOMEONE IS KIND, IT'S YOU.
I'M NOT.
ha
It wouldn't be mis-treat-ment.
ha
YOU'RE SO KIND.
Not even if he was stupid.
I'D NEVER DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
I WON'T...
uuh!
MIS-TREAT HIM.
I'M..
JUST TIMID.
lick lick
Stop it!
TIMID ...?
I WONDER?

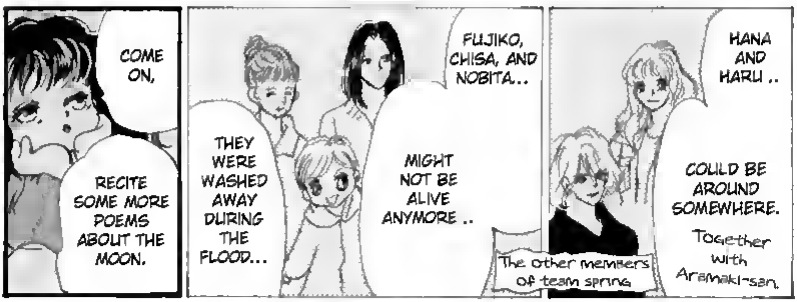
WELL, THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE IN ANY IMMINENT DANGER,
SO I'LL LEAVE THEM ALONE.
PLAYING WITH A DOG?
WHAT AM I DOING, A TOP STUDENT LIKE MYSELF...
I'M TIRED NOW!
I'm beat-up
My feet hurt
I'D LIKE TO TAKE A FOOT-BATH.
TSUNO-MATA-SAN,
I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP.
THERE'S ONE MORE TRACK.
ONE OF THEM IS A CHILD
IS IT HIBARI?
In the rainy season, this area will turn into a river, I suppose.

TSUNOMATA-SAN,
I WANT TO RETURN TO SADO QUICKLY.
AND WE CAN CATCH AND EAT ..
AS MUCH OF THE HIBERNATING ANIMALS AS WE LIKE.
They taste like chicken and are yummy
crackle crackle
Ignore her!
THE DRY SEASON IS NICE.
THERE AREN'T ANY DINOSAURS AROUND TO HUNT US.
We can find water if we search for it
I WANTED TO SEE WITH MY OWN EYES...
WHAT HAS BECOME OF THEM.
Now, now, it was on our way
BUT EVEN SO, YOU WISHED TO STOP BY NARA AND KYOTO.
AND IT'S MY HOME.
THAT WAS A BIG DETOUR.
YOU COULDN'T TELL WHAT WAS WHERE AT ALL, BECAUSE EVERYTHING WAS BURIED UNDER ASH.
BOTH ARE GONE FOR GOOD.
I'm sorry for your loss!

IT SEEMS...
THE COUNTRY...
WAS DESTROYED AFTER ALL, AND ALL THAT'S LEFT ARE MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS.
BOTH NARA AND KYOTO...
IN THE END
WERE WIPED OUT...
THE WOODEN BUILDINGS HAVE BURNED DOWN, DON'T YOU THINK?
BUT SOME OF THE BUDDHIST STATUES...
AND ALTAR FITTINGS WILL BE BURIED.
HOW ABOUT EXCAVATING THEM?
Big statues of Buddha and so on.
I GUESS SO...
PIETY AND REMINDERS OF OUR HISTORY...
HAVE NO PLACE ANYMORE.
THEY DWELLED IN EVERY SINGLE PIECE OF WOOD.
THEY HAVE A PLACE!
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO RETURN TO SADO QUICKLY!
SADO COULD BE GONE, TOO, COULDN'T IT?
IT'S NOT!
HOW DARE YOU?
Are you hungry? We have lizard.
Yes, I am.

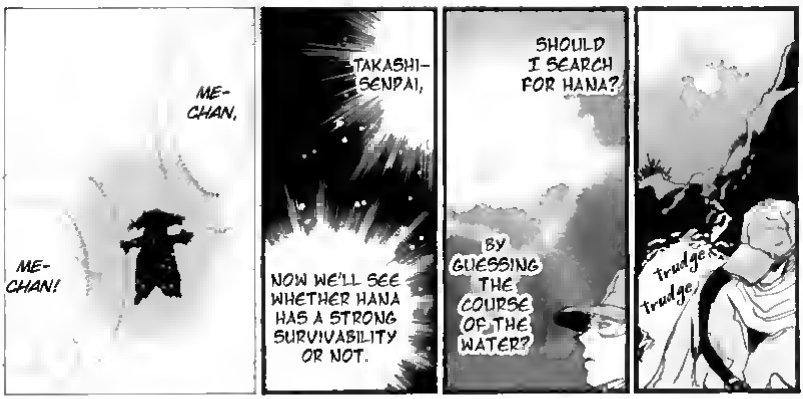
mumble
WHEN ALL EYES ARE RAISED TOWARDS THE MOON THIS NIGHT,
WHO FOR HOME-SICKNESS IS ALONE DEEP IN THE BLUES?*
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A POEM ABOUT THE QUESTION...
THE MOON IS HUGE.
INDEED.

*The Full Moon in Mid-Autumn by Wang Jian (Tang poet in the 9th century)


COME ON,
RECITE SOME MORE POEMS ABOUT THE MOON.
THEY WERE WASHED AWAY DURING THE FLOOD...
FUJIKO, CHISA, AND NOBITA...
MIGHT NOT BE ALIVE ANYMORE ..
The other members of team spring
HANA AND HARU ..
COULD BE AROUND SOMEWHERE.
Together with Aramaki-san.

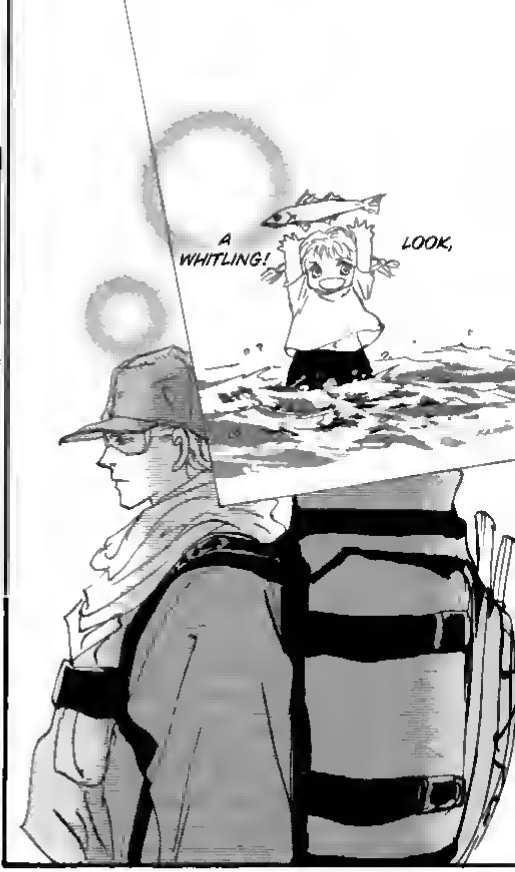
*Japanese folk song
THE CHIMNEY IS SO HIGH.
I'M GOING TO SLEEP NOW.
I WONDER IF THE MOON...
"TANKO BUSHI."*
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED!
...
THE MOON ...
HEAVE HO!
OH, THE MOON IS OUT.
HAS COME.
WHAT'S THAT?!
POEMS ABOUT THE MOON?
THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM, I GUESS...
roll
SURE THERE ARE.
CHOKES...
ON THE SMOKE.
THERE ARE NO MORE CHIMNEYS,
AND THE MOON CAN'T CHOKE ON THE SMOKE ANYMORE.

*The Moon in the Mountains by Zhen Shaumin



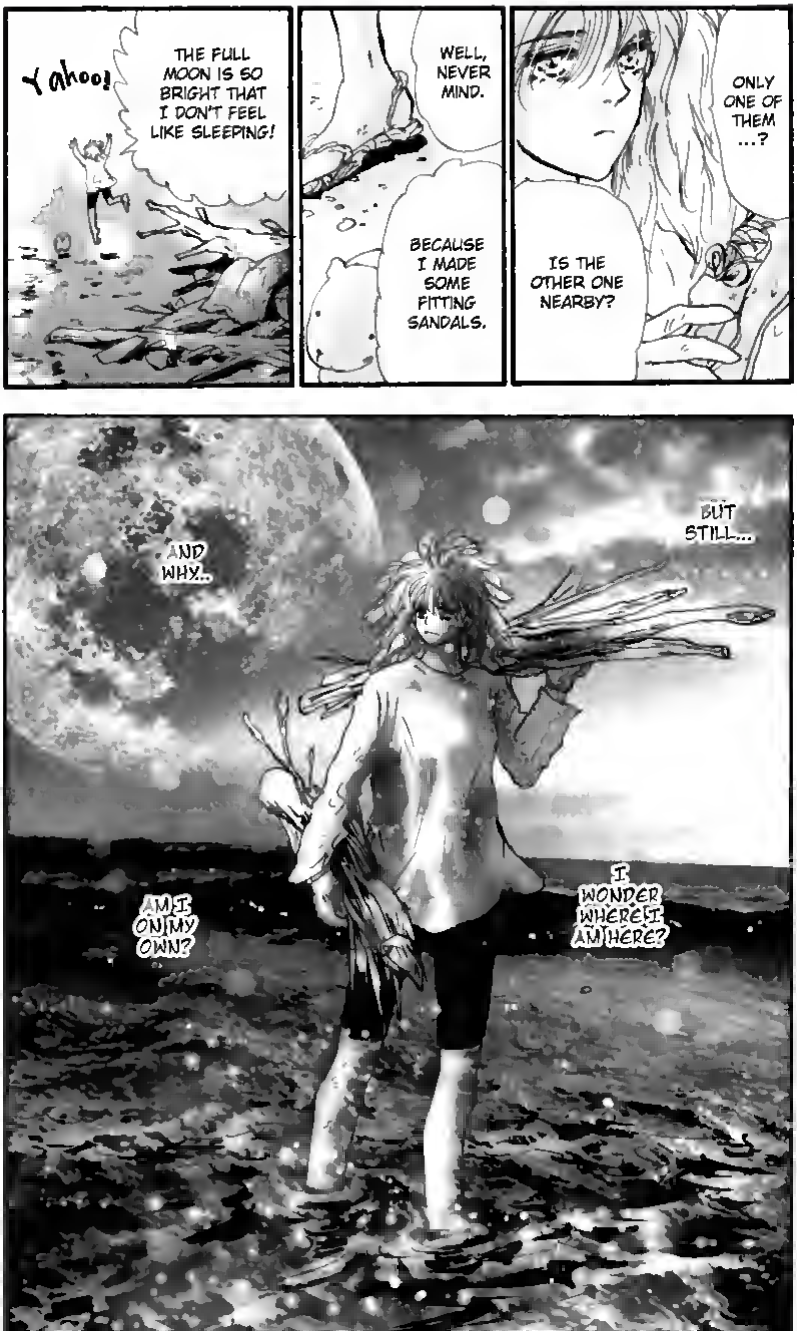
SPLISH

SSHH


A WHITLING!
LOOK,

MY SHOE!

SSH
SSH


Yahoo!
THE FULL MOON IS SO BRIGHT THAT I DON'T FEEL LIKE SLEEPING!
WELL, NEVER MIND.
BECAUSE I MADE SOME FITTING SANDALS.
ONLY ONE OF THEM ...?
IS THE OTHER ONE NEARBY?
AND WHY...
BUT STILL...
AM I ON MY OWN?
I WONDER WHERE I AM HERE?

SS4
SS4
SS4

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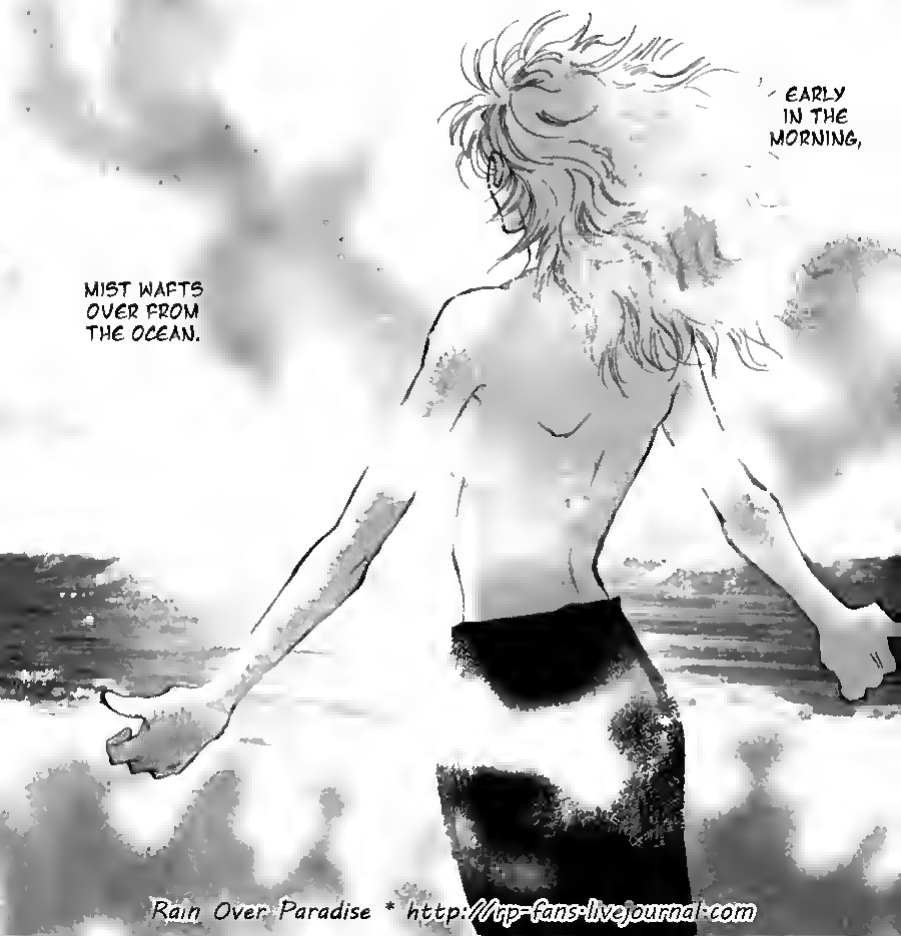

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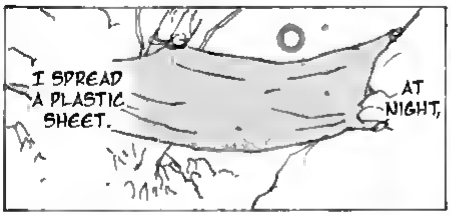
SSH...
WHICH ENVELOPS ME...
IT'S...
A WHITE VEIL...
GENTLY

scrub
scrub
scrub
scrub
snap
WHEN THE FOG LIFTS...
AND DRINK THEM.
gulp
FROM ...
EVERY-WHERE
I GATHER THEM...
IT LEAVES DEW-DROPS.

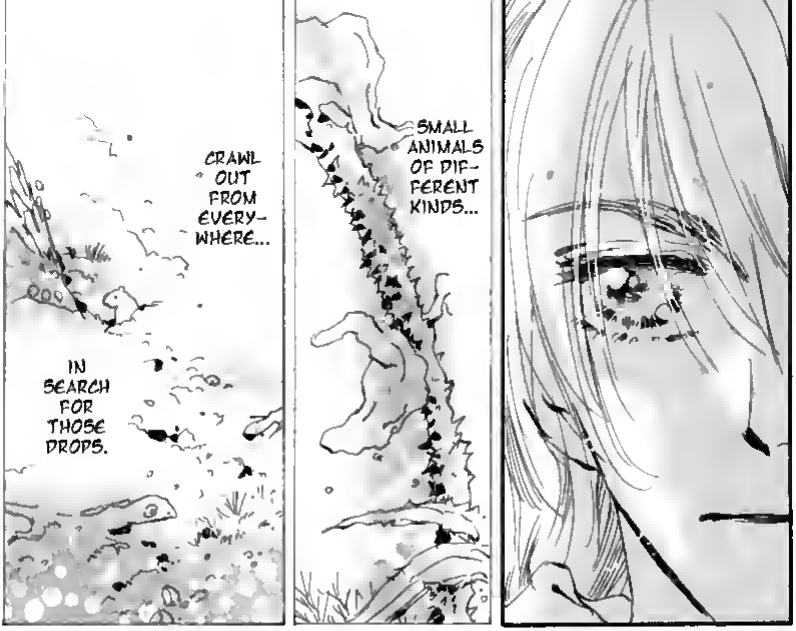

I SPREAD A PLASTIC SHEET.
AT NIGHT,

tee hee

rustle
rustle

AND I LAY OUT TOWELS.

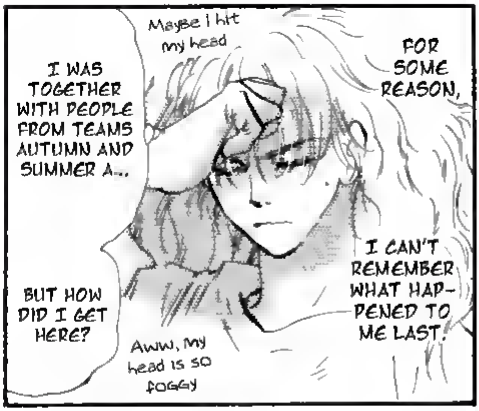
Only, the towels aren't clean, so I can't drink it like this.
Wring
Wring


CRAWL OUT FROM EVERY-WHERE...
IN SEARCH FOR THOSE DROPS.
SMALL ANIMALS OF DIF-FERENT KINDS...

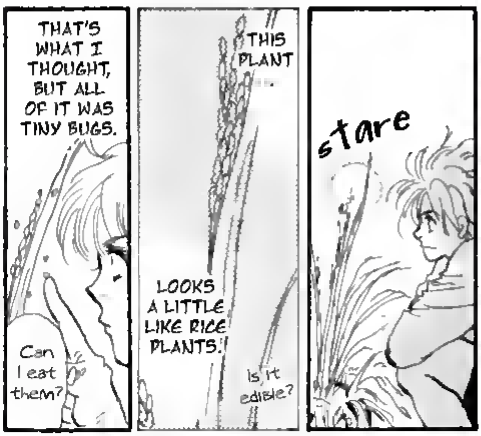
I CATCH THEM!
AND SOME-TIMES I SUCCEED!
I GATHER LOTS OF OTHER THINGS TOO.
SOME-TIMES I FAIL!

THE WATER DROPS EVAPORATE QUICKLY.
GOOD MORNING.
grunt
grunt
grunt
munch
THERE'S A LOT OF DRY GRASS HERE.
pluck
pluck
pluck
SO I USE A FIRE STEEL.
I'VE LOST MY LIGHTER AND MY MATCHES SOMEWHERE...
THAT I HAVE TO BEWARE OF BUSH-FIRES.
WHICH MEANS...
IT'S QUICK TO KINDLE.
ZIP
TO LIGHT THE FIRE
WITH SPARKS.

I'D ALSO HAVE THE OPTION TO EAT THESE GUYS,
BUT I DON'T WANT THAT.
crunch
crunch
omnivore
I buried it beneath the fire and roasted it covered
It's tough
Hot
Hot
crackle
ON MY OWN...
I THINK IT'S NICE THAT I CAN DECIDE...
WHAT I EAT...
AND WHAT I DON'T EAT.
I'll have aloe for dessert


I WAS TOGETHER WITH PEOPLE FROM TEAMS AUTUMN AND SUMMER A...
Maybe I hit my head
FOR SOME REASON,
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO ME LAST.
BUT HOW DID I GET HERE?
Aww, my head is so foggy

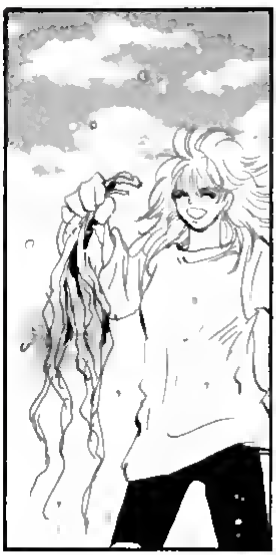
NEVER MIND.
Who cares?
WELL,


THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, BUT ALL OF IT WAS TINY BUGS.
Can I eat them?
THIS PLANT...
LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE RICE PLANTS.
Is it edible?
stare

I WONDER WHERE THIS PLACE IS.
IS IT THE MAIN ISLAND OR SOME OTHER ISLAND,
OR HAVE I BEEN WASHED FARTHER AWAY?

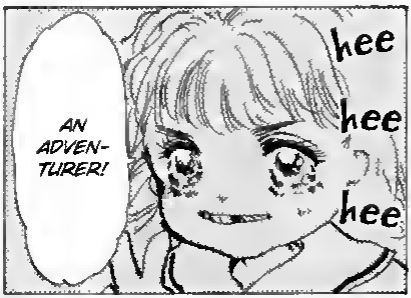
I HAVE THE FEELING ...
THAT I'VE NEVER WATCHED MY SURROUNDINGS THIS CAREFULLY UNTIL NOW.
HMM, OVER HERE,
PLANTS ARE GROWING OUT OF INSECTS.
Winter insects and summer plants?
Are they edible?
MUSE
Is this limestone?
Has it been under water once?
There are fossils here.
AND BEEN ANGRY AND IMPATIENT.
I'VE BEEN RUSHING ABOUT TO NO PURPOSE...
Oh!
THE TIDE IS GOING OUT!
AND I THOUGHT ...
THAT THIS WORLD WAS HORRIBLE ...
BECAUSE I DIDN'T INTEND TO STAY HERE LONG.
MAYBE I THOUGHT THAT IT WASN'T NECESSARY ...
TO TAKE MY TIME OBSERVING IT.

SPL
ASH
HAND-
MADE
BAS
KET



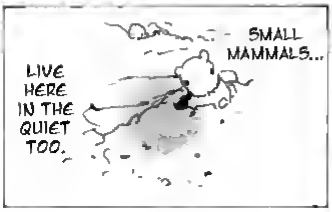
They were safe after broiling them.

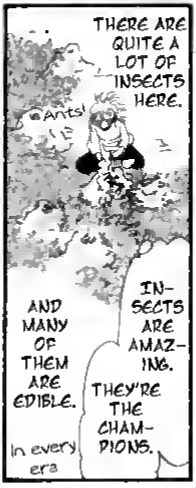
BUT THE FACT IS...
ONE TENDS TO ASSUME THAT THERE'S A LOT OF FOOD TO BE FOUND IN THE MOUN-TAINS,
THAT THERE'S MUCH MORE TO BE HAD ON THE COAST.

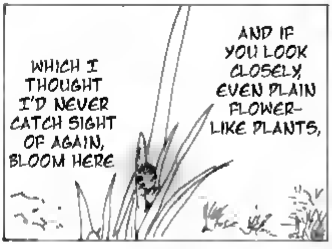


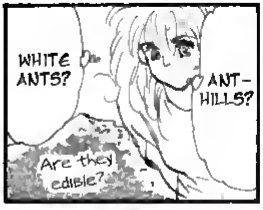
I'LL STUDY THIS WORLD.

I'M GOING TO EXTEND
MY RADIUS OF ACTION LITTLE BY LITTLE.


SMALL MAMMALS...
LIVE HERE IN THE QUIET TOO.

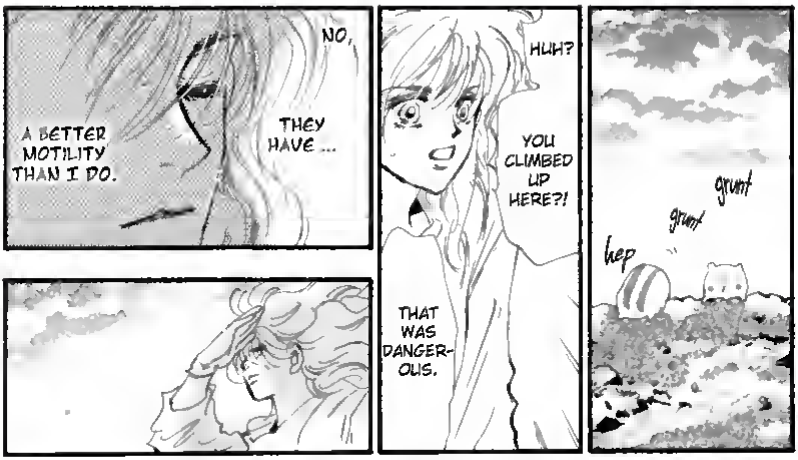

THERE ARE QUITE A LOT OF INSECTS HERE.
Ants!
INSECTS ARE AMAZING.
THEY'RE THE CHAMPIONS.
AND MANY OF THEM ARE EDIBLE.
In every era


AND IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, EVEN PLAIN FLOWER-LIKE PLANTS,
WHICH I THOUGHT I'D NEVER CATCH SIGHT OF AGAIN, BLOOM HERE


WHITE ANTS?
ANT-HILLS?
Are they edible?

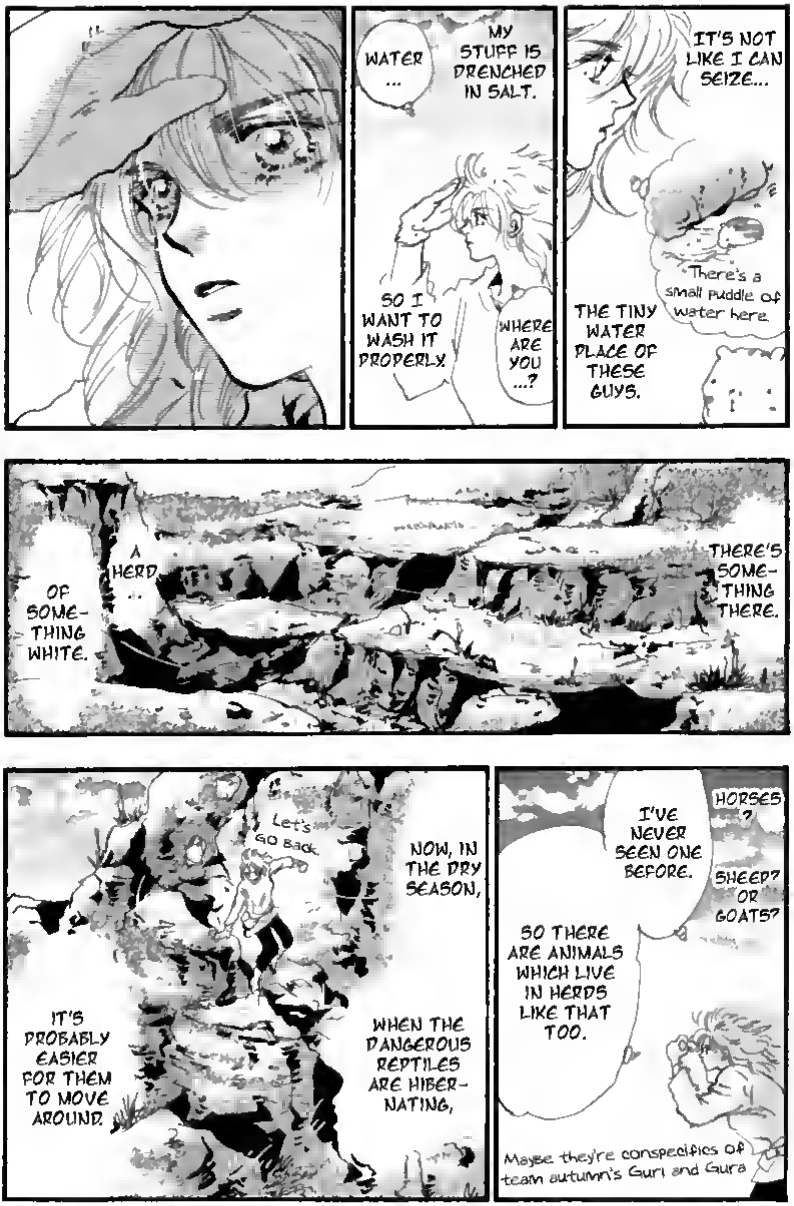
THIS WORLD IS BEAUTIFUL.
I'M SO EXCITED ABOUT IT.

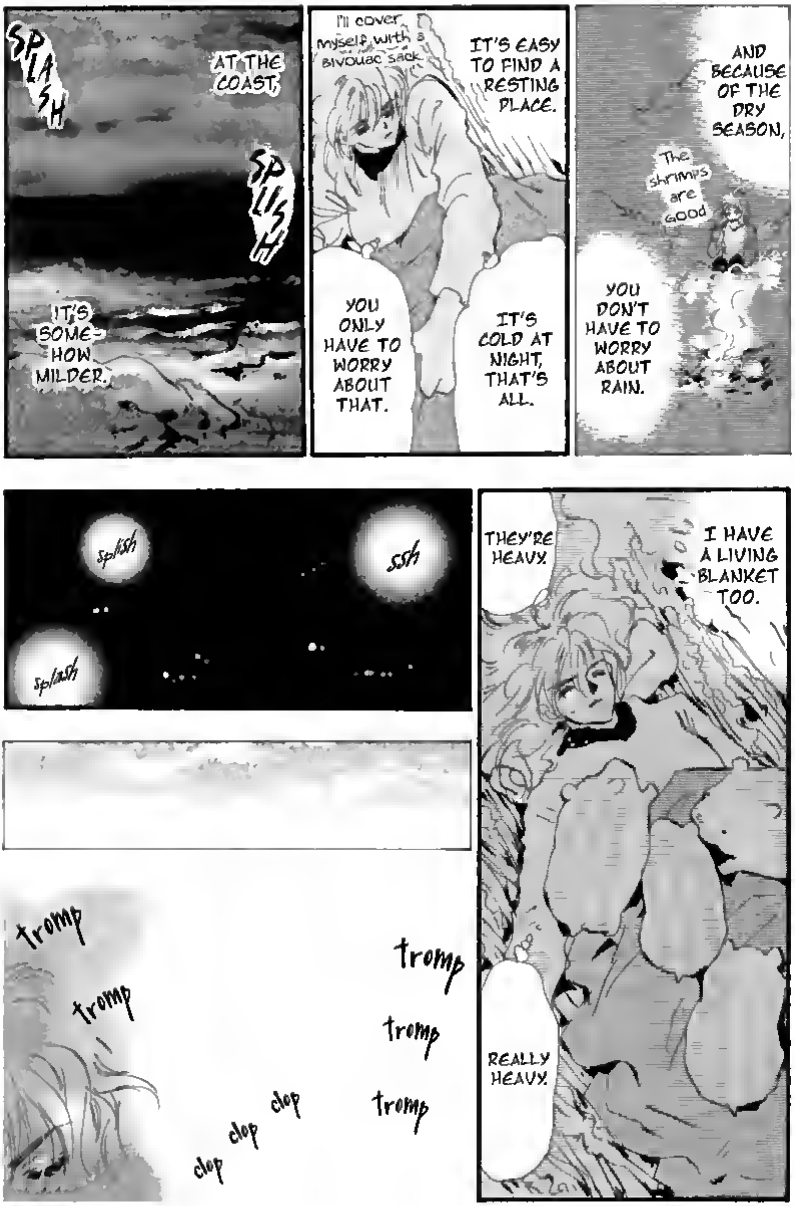
YOU GUYS WILL MOST LIKELY BE ALIENS AT FIRST.
IN THE FUTURE,
AND THEN FIT IN WITH IT.
UNDER-STAND IT,
STUDY THE NATURE,
BUT I HAVE THE FEELING...
THAT I UNDERSTAND IT A LITTLE BETTER NOW.
Maybe it's vague. I hit my head after all, and that stimulated my memory.
I REMEMBERED IT, ALL OF A SUDDEN
I WAS TOO SMALL BACK THEN...
TO UNDER-STAND THE MEANING.
I WONDER WHEN IT WAS?
THAT SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT.
WAS IT MY FATHER OR ME-CHAN?


NO,
A BETTER MOTILITY THAN I DO.
THEY HAVE ...
HUH?
YOU CLIMBED UP HERE?!
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS.
grunt
grunt
hep

AND A FEW HUGE, BROWN TREES HERE AND THERE.
THERE'S NOTHING BUT ROCKY MOUNTAINS, BROWN SHRUBS,
AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE,

I'D REALLY LIKE TO FIND...
A LOT OF FRESH WATER SOON.


WATER ...
MY STUFF IS DRENCHED IN SALT.
SO I WANT TO WASH IT PROPERLY.
WHERE ARE YOU ...?
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN SEIZE...
There's a small puddle of water here.
THE TINY WATER PLACE OF THESE GUYS.
A HERD ..
OF SOME-THING WHITE.
THERE'S SOME-THING THERE.
Let's go back.
NOW, IN THE DRY SEASON,
IT'S PROBABLY EASIER FOR THEM TO MOVE AROUND.
WHEN THE DANGEROUS REPTILES ARE HIBER-NATING,
HORSES ?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE.
SHEEP? OR GOATS?
SO THERE ARE ANIMALS WHICH LIVE IN HERDS LIKE THAT TOO.
Maybe they're conspecifics of team autumn's Guri and Gura


SPLASH
AT THE COAST,
SPLISH
IT'S SOMEHOW MILDER.
I'll cover myself with a bivouac sack.
IT'S EASY TO FIND A RESTING PLACE.
YOU ONLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
IT'S COLD AT NIGHT, THAT'S ALL.
AND BECAUSE OF THE DRY SEASON,
The shrimps are good
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RAIN.
splish
ssh
splash
THEY'RE HEAVY.
I HAVE A LIVING BLANKET TOO.
REALLY HEAVY.
tromp
tromp
tromp
tromp
tromp
clop
clop
clop

tromp
tromp
clop
clop
IS THAT ...
SSH
SSH
THE CLOPPING OF HOOVES ...?
THAT'S MIST OFF THE OCEAN.
clop
clop
clop
clop
clop
IT'S WHITE
I OVER-SLEPT.
clop
clop
clop
clop
clop
WHOA!
BOUNCE
WHAT'S THAT?!
tromp
tromp
tromp
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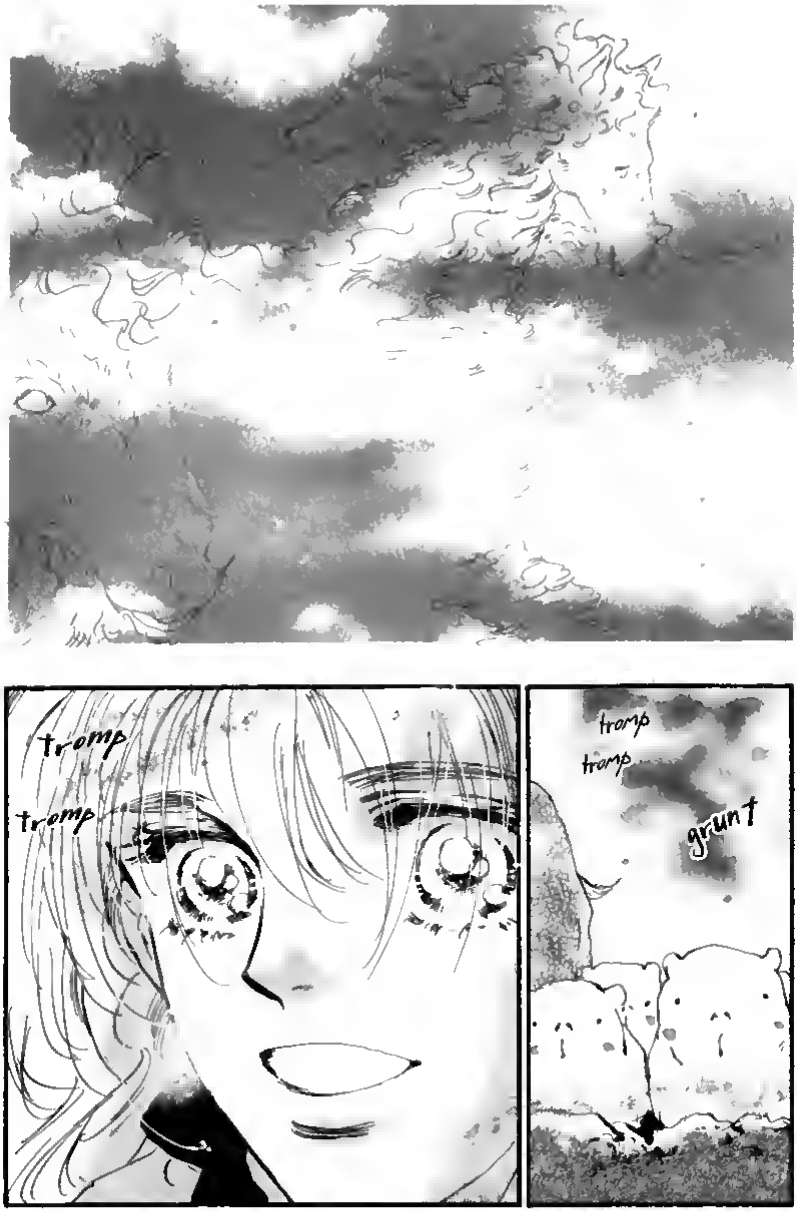
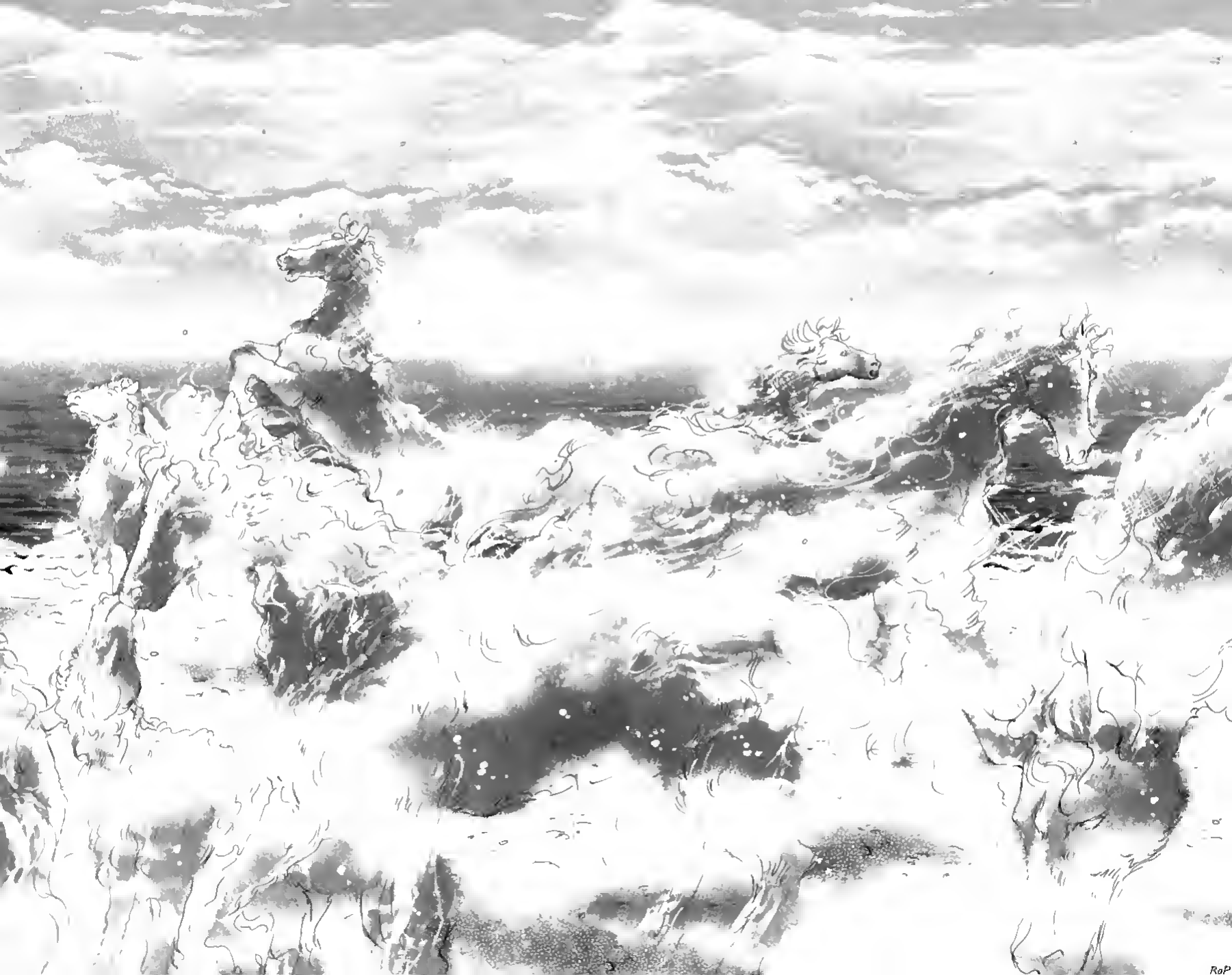
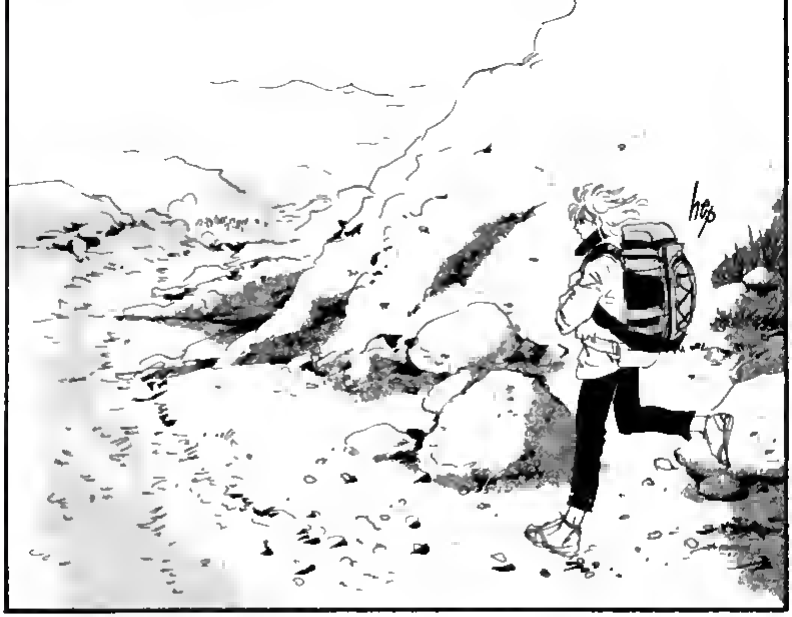
SSH
SSH


tromp
tromp
tromp
tramp
grunt

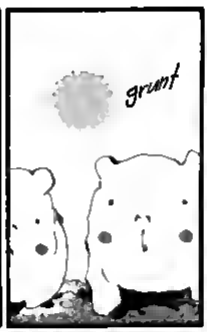


THEY'RE SPARKLING
THEY LOOK KIND OF EXCITED
IT'S THE HERD I SAW YESTERDAY, I GUESS.
THEY RAN ALL THE WAY HERE IN ONE NIGHT.
HOW PRETTY THEY ARE.
THERE'S A FOAL TOO.
IT'S WITH ITS MOTHER.
They're a bother
Fiercely defending their water place.

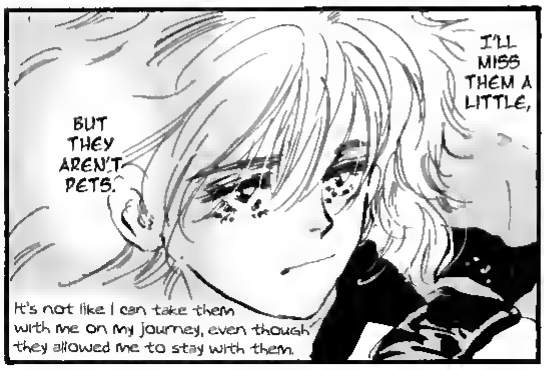
tromp
tromp
tromp
tromp
tromp
dop
dop
dop
dop
dop
THEY KNOW WHERE TO FIND WATER.
I'LL FOLLOW THEM.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO MOVE AROUND IN SEARCH OF WATER.
FOR A HERD OF HERBIVORES IN A BARREN LAND...
ARE THEY ALWAYS ON THE MOVE...?


hop

Thanks for everything.
ONCE I FIND A LARGE WATER PLACE,
I'LL COME VISIT YOU.


grunt

I'm heading out of your territory, so you can't come with me.
It'd be too dangerous.
WELL, THEN.
SEE YOU, GUYS.


I'LL MISS THEM A LITTLE,
BUT THEY AREN'T PETS.
It's not like I can take them with me on my journey, even though they allowed me to stay with them.

I WONDER...
WERE THINKING ALL THAT TIME.
WHAT MY PARENTS...
clop clop
INSTEAD,
I CAME IN TOUCH WITH ALL KINDS OF INSECTS, BIRDS, SMALL ANIMALS,
AND FISH IN THE MOUN-TAINS.
AT HOME,
WE NEVER KEPT ANY ANIMALS.
clop clop clop
PERK

I DON'T INTEND TO EAT YOU GUYS.
NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF ME.
FOR NOW.
PEER
It was scolded
ITS MOTHER IS WATCHING IT PROPERLY.
HOW CUTE.
whining
THEY'RE ADORABLE.

They never take any breaks.
I'm beat.
whooZe
THEY ...
CROSS PRETTY DIFFICULT TERRAIN.
Are they not horses but deer?

clop clop clop
THE FOAL FROM BEFORE ...
THE OTHERS ARE GONE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HEY, YOU.
HELLO.
hmph
clop clop clop
snort
shoo shoo
IT'D BE BAD IF YOU GOT LOST.
YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW THEM. COME ON.

snort
GO!
SLAP
HIYAA! I'M SORRY!
YOU MUSTN'T BECOME SEPARATED FROM YOUR MOTHER!
whinny
whinny
clop clop

YOU MUSTN'T BECOME SEPARAT-ED...
FROM YOUR MOTHER.

BUT THAT'S OKAY.
I'LL GET BY ALL BY MYSELF TOO.

hmph

WE ARE CHILDREN
WHO BECAME SEPARATED FROM OUR PARENTS AS WELL.
sigh
hip

IT'S YOU AGAIN!
YOU HAVE TO GO WITH THE OTHERS!
Keep pace with them!

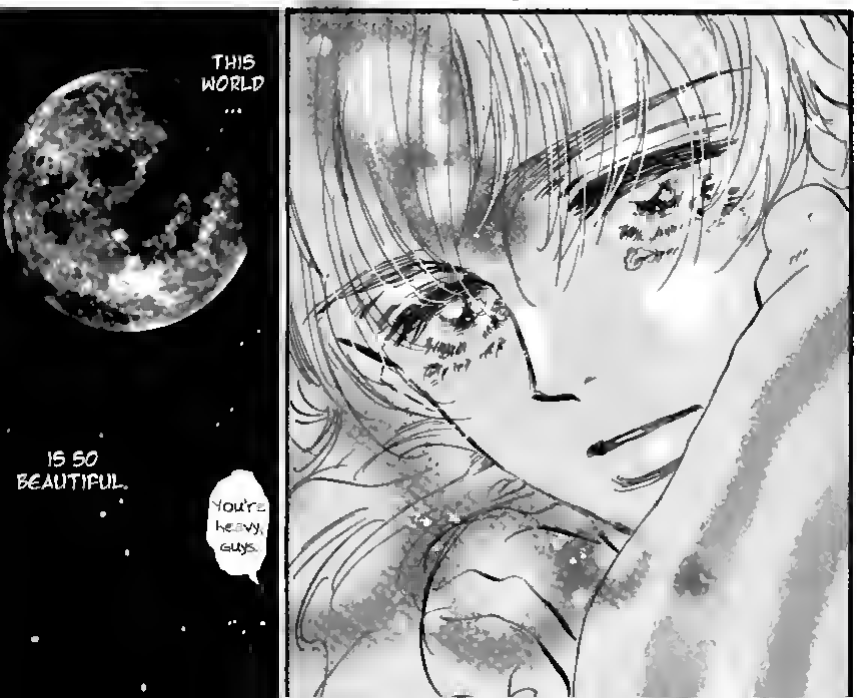
whimpy

I'M SURE...
THAT I CAN SURVIVE EVEN ON MY OWN.

WHEN I WAS LITTLE,
I'VE NEVER HAD ANY CLOSE FRIEND
IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO MAKE FRIENDS.
WOULD IT RATHER BE ON ITS OWN?
DOESN'T IT GET ALONG WITH OTHERS?
IT'S LIKE ME.
THAT THAT WASN'T A FLAW.
I TOLD MYSELF...
BUT IT WAS A WEAK-NESS.

I GUESS THAT'S WHY...
I'M ALONE NOW.
I FEEL LIKE...
I REMEMBER SOMETHING UNPLEASANT.
Like I got in trouble after coming here.
FORGET ABOUT IT, QUICKLY.
I'D GET INTO FIGHTS NO MATTER WHAT...
I'M BETTER SUITED TO BEING ALONE.
HMM?
FIGHTS?
EVEN...
IF I WON'T BE ABLE...
TO SEE ARASHI AGAIN FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
I'LL LIVE ON...
ON MY OWN.
I BETTER ...
REST NOW TOO.
I'm worn out.
They've just kept walking for two days.
FINALLY, THEY'RE TAKING A BREAK.

HUH?!
WILL YOU BE OKAY?!
WHAT?! YOU CAME?!
You shouldn't have.
I thought that something was heavy.
I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S WATER HERE...
grunt
grunt grunt


THIS WORLD ...
IS SO BEAUTIFUL.
You're heavy, guys.

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Awakening of Insects Chapter 2

【— Blessing —】

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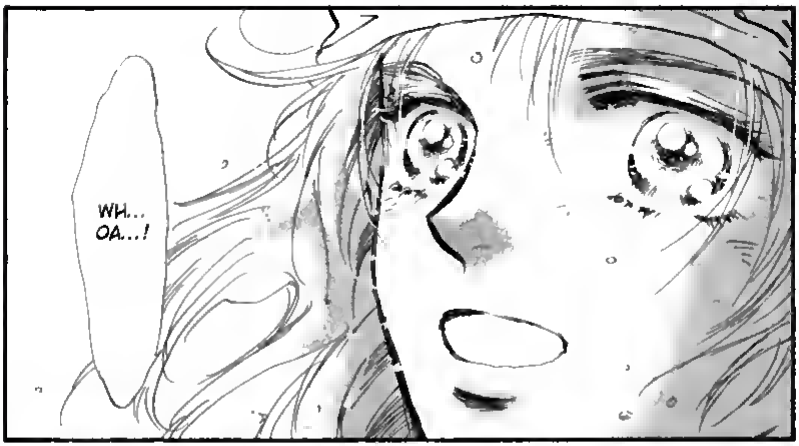
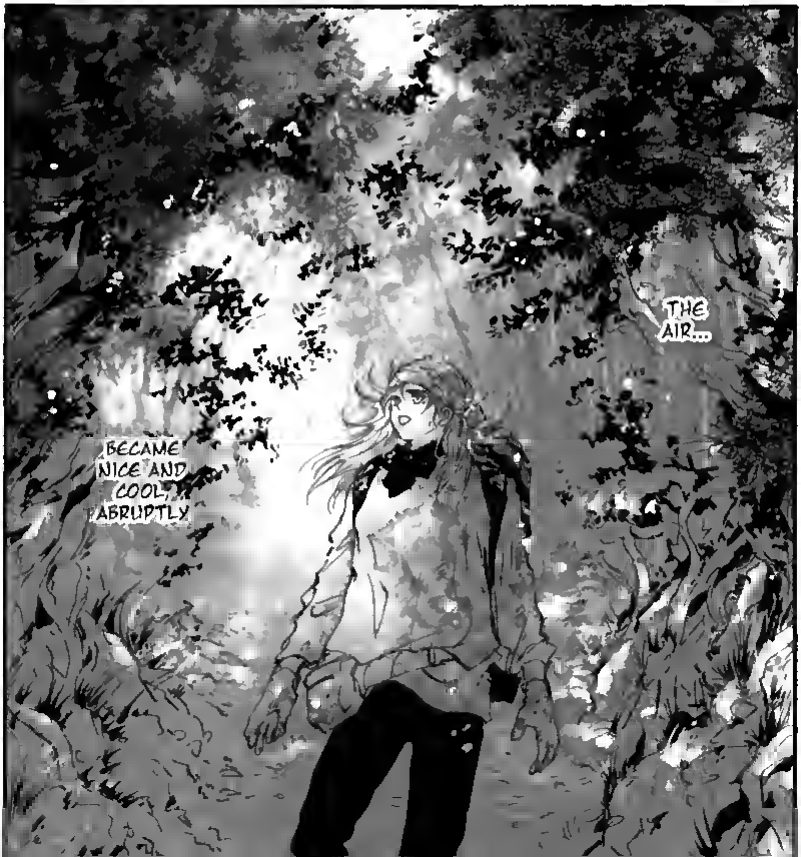
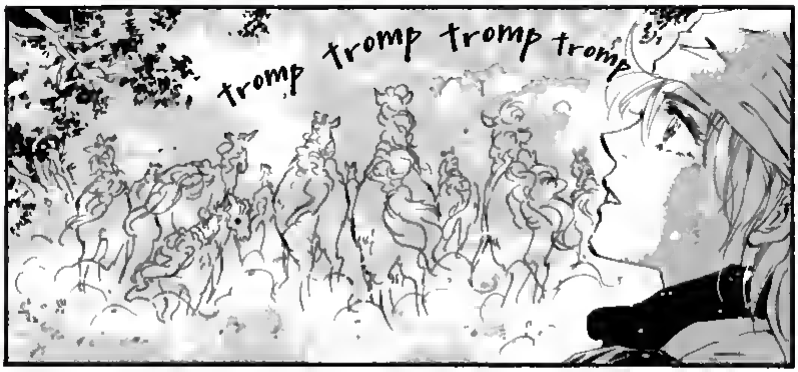

WH...
OA...!

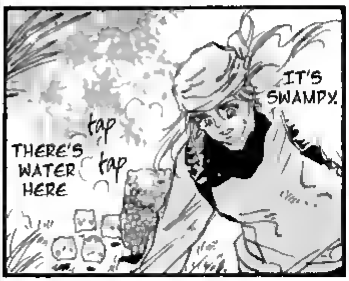

THE AIR...
BECAME NICE AND COOL, ABRUPTLY


tromp tromp tromp tromp

TURNED INTO GRASS-LAND
THE SUN-CRACKED GROUND...

I FOUND WATER
WA...
Ah!

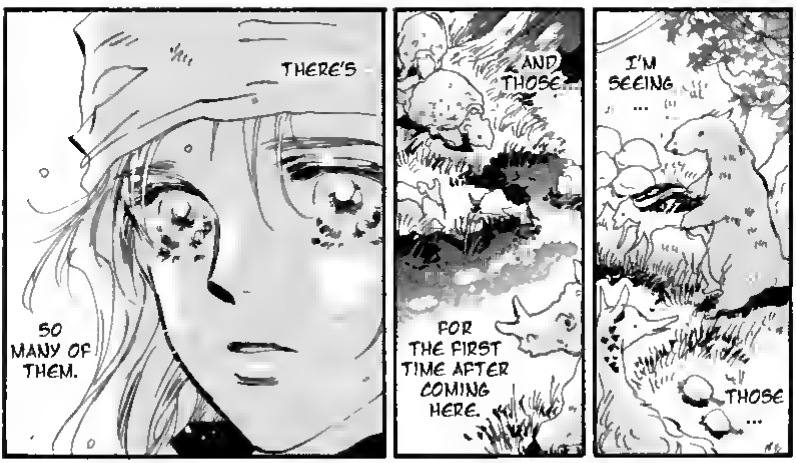
IT SMELLS OF LUSH GREEN!
squish


IT'S SWAMPY
THERE'S WATER HERE
tap
tap

YA
WATER!
tromp
tromp
Ah!
YAY!
tromp
HO
O!
WHOA!
WHAT A LARGE TREE!
Wah!
IT'S WATER.
Awe-some!
SO THERE ARE PLACES HERE WHERE YOU CAN FIND THIS MUCH OF IT.
I don't care anymore.
Splash
Splash
Even if there's something in it
It's cold.
Splish
AND ON FIRST SIGHT, IT LOOKS CLEAN!

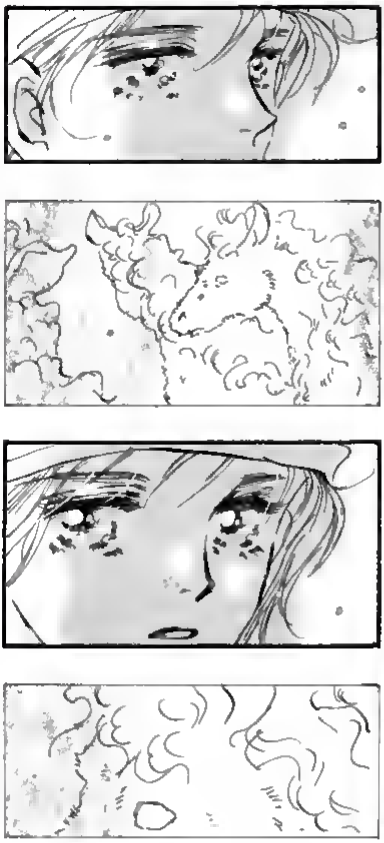
phew
Splash
Excuse me.
I'll take it
drip drop
I'LL BOIL IT FIRST.
from where it looks cleanest
STILL, I WON'T DRINK IT DIRECTLY
THERE ARE VARIOUS ANIMALS HERE...

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING IT TO ME
whinny
THEY ALL KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE.


THERE'S
SO MANY OF THEM.
AND THOSE...
FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER COMING HERE.
I'M SEEING ...
THOSE ...

I THOUGHT THAT THERE PROBABLY WEREN'T ANY MAMMALS AROUND ANYMORE.
TO BE FOUND
THERE WERE ONLY INSECTS AND REPTILES...
WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE...

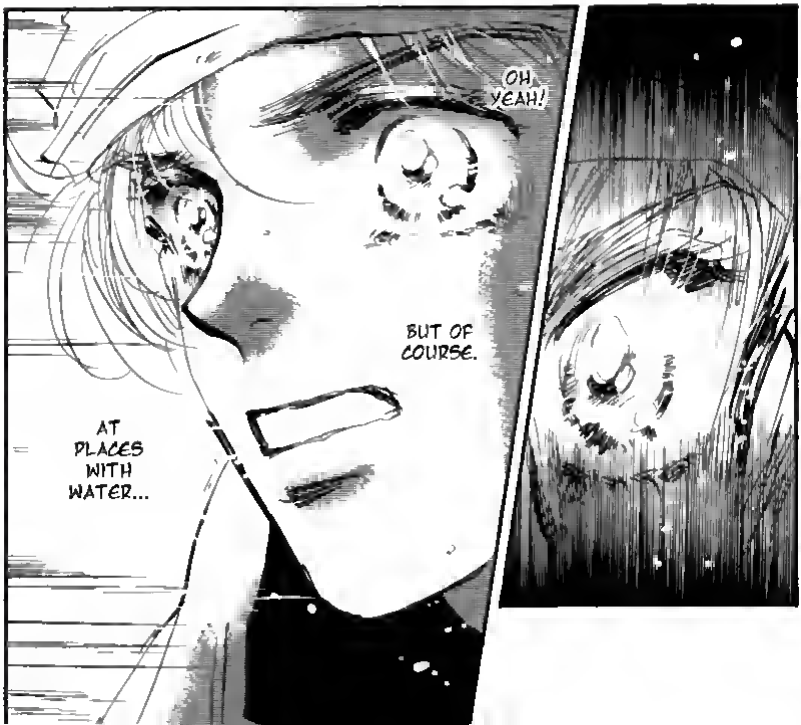
THEY SURVIVED.
BUT THEY'RE ALIVE
I'M SURE THERE ARE EVEN MORE TO BE FOUND.
WHILE OUTLIVING THAT NATURAL DISASTER?
DID THEY EVOLVE...
THEY SOMEHOW MANAGED TO STAY ALIVE.
I WONDER IF THE OTHER TEAMS...
HAVE BEEN TO A PLACE LIKE THIS.
I shouldn't call them "other teams" anymore though.
grunt
LOOK,
THERE ARE SOME WHO LOOK LIKE CONSPECIFICS OF YOURS.


I WONDER IF ARASHI...
WILL SHOW UP HERE TOO...

THEY'RE...
KIND OF NERVOUS, HUH...?

ARE THEY ON THE ALERT...?

COME TO THINK OF IT,
WITH THE OTHERS TOO...
IT'S THE SAME...


OH, YEAH!
BUT OF COURSE.
AT PLACES WITH WATER...

SPLO
SHA
tromp
tromp
tromp
HYA
AA!
PREDATORY ANIMALS ARE BOUND TO SHOW UP TOO!

YOU THERE,
HURRY UP AND RUN!
THEY'RE AFTER YOU!
tromp
tromp
tromp
whimm
Snap
SLAP
GO ALREADY!
rustle

zip
ROAR
I'M
PREY FOR THEM TOO.
SPL
OSH

SNAP
WHAT'S ...
THAT ...?

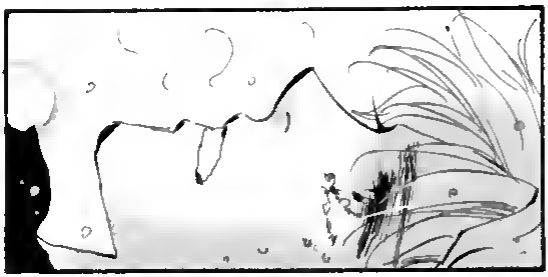
whinny
SNAP
SP
OSH
whinny
whinny
LITTLE ONE! STEP BACK!
THE FOAL'S MOTHER?!
IS IT A LEAP TOO?!
IS IT PART OF THE TREE?!
IS IT CONNECTED TO THE TREE?!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!

SP
OSH
CHOP
CHOP
IT'S...
ALREADY DEAD...
I'M SURE THEY'RE POISONED.
THERE ARE THORNS INSIDE.
huff
huff
huff
huff
YUMA!

OF THE FOOD CHAIN IN THIS PLACE...
ON TOP...
STANDS THIS TREE.

I KNOW ...
THAT YOU'RE SAD.
BUT YOU MUSTN'T STAY HERE.
shimmy
shimmy
BECAUSE LITTLE ONES ARE BEING PREYED ON THE MOST!
HIYAA!
ARE THEY GOING TO COME AFTER US?!

WHAT ABOUT MY LITTLE FRIENDS?!
HAVE THEY BEEN EATEN?!
THEY AREN'T CLIMB-ING UP HERE!
STAY HERE.
GET UP HERE!
GUYS,
grunt

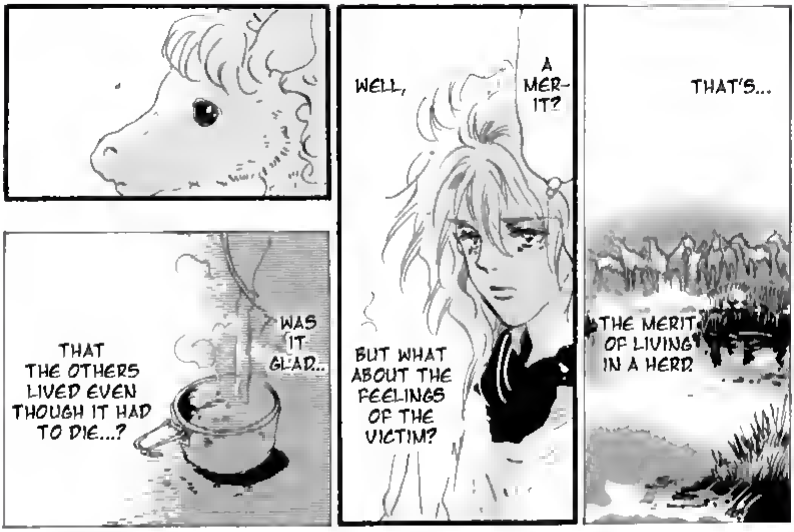


I TOOK CARE NOT TO GIVE THEM NAMES..

BECAUSE I DON'T OWN THEM.

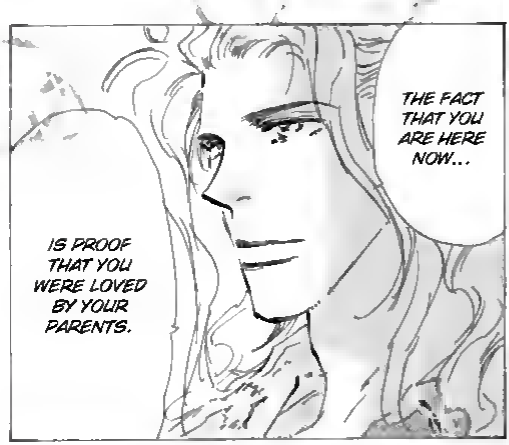
THAT I'LL HAVE TO GET USED TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT TOO.
drop
THAT ARAMAKI-SAN HAS BEEN ON HIS OWN FOR FIFTEEN YEARS...
IS IN-CREDIBLE AFTER ALL.
EVEN THOUGH I'M POSITIVE THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE ALONE,
IT MIGHT BE TOO MUCH FOR ME PHYSICALLY.

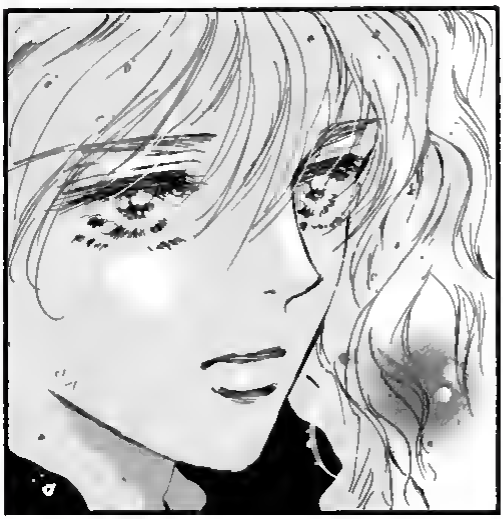
I'LL HAVE TO CATCH SOME-THING...
BUT...
I'M TOO TIRED...
I don't feel like it
simmer
I HAVEN'T EATEN PROPERLY ...
SINCE I LEFT THE COAST!!
I'M STARV-ING..
IF ONE OF THEM FALLS PREY TO THEM...
THE OTHERS CAN SURVIVE.
EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW ABOUT THEM,
THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO COME HERE FOR WATER.
THE ONES WHO WERE SCATTERED EARLIER RETURNED
APPARENTLY, THE PREDATORS ARE FULL NOW TOO.


THAT'S...
THE MERIT OF LIVING IN A HERD
A MER-IT?
WELL,
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FEELINGS OF THE VICTIM?
WAS IT GLAD..
THAT THE OTHERS LIVED EVEN THOUGH IT HAD TO DIE...?

DID THE STAFF OF "PROJECT 7 SEEDS"...
DID THEY WISH FOR SOMEONE TO SURVIVE .
EVEN THOUGH THEY'D DIE?
THINK THAT WAY TOO?

WHAT ABOUT THE FOAL'S MOTHER?


THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HERE NOW...
IS PROOF THAT YOU WERE LOVED BY YOUR PARENTS.



I WONDER...
IF MY MOM AND MY DAD THOUGHT THAT WAY TOO.

THAT THEY WANTED ME TO STAY ALIVE...

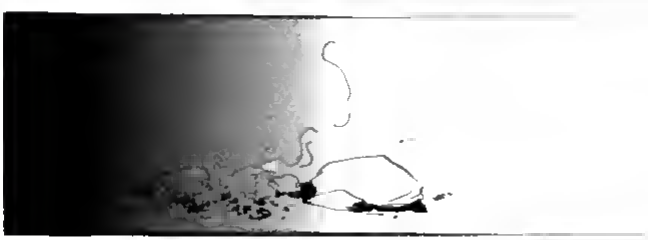
EVEN IF THEY COULDN'T BE SAVED?

Snort
IF LITTLE ONES WANDER AROUND ALL BY THEMSELVES...
BECAUSE THEY'RE EASY PREY.
THEY'LL BE MARKED OUT RIGHT AWAY AND PREYED ON.
Hey, listen to me!
Snort
YOU HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE OTHERS
bleh
YOU DON'T WANT TO?!
SO THAT YOU WON'T BECOME SEPARATED FROM THEM...
pat
I'LL PROBABLY ONLY UNDERSTAND IT..
ONCE I'M A PARENT MYSELF
BECAUSE I DON'T CARE...
WHAT'LL HAPPEN AFTER I DIE.
That's how the saying goes, isn't it?
A CHILD WILL NEVER KNOW THE WORRIES OF HIS PARENTS.
Whinny
But if I force it to return, it will most likely be eaten right away.
BUT THE SAME GOES FOR ME.
I STILL DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF.

I WANTED TO BE BY HER SIDE.
WHEN SHE GIVES BIRTH TO HER CHILD

I WONDER IF KURUMI-SAN IS DOING WELL.
I HOPE EVERY-THING IS OKAY WITH HER.

I WISH...
THAT MY BABY WILL LIVE A VERY LONG LIFE.



phew
DID I FAINT?
DID I FALL ASLEEP ?!
ARE YOU ALL OKAY, GUYS?!
gasp
grunt
IT TURNED PITCH-DARK.
THE MOON SHOULD SHINE BRIGHTLY...
BUT IT'S HIDDEN BEHIND CLOUDS.
jolt
THERE'S SOME-THING DOWN THERE.

THE WATER IS FULL OF SOME KIND OF CREATURES.

STICK ...
ZZZ
WHERE YOU ARE UNTIL MORNING
I'D LIKE TO MAKE A LARGE FIRE,
BUT THE GREEN WOOD IN THIS AREA WILL BE HARD TO KINDLE, I GUESS.
NOCTURNAL ANIMALS SHOULD BE ABOUT.
AT NIGHT-TIME,
IT'D BE TOO DANGER-OUS TO MOVE AROUND
HERE, I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING EATEN.
WIND HAS SPRUNG UP
I MUSTN'T THINK OF THIS AS MY OLD WORLD
splash
rustle

rustle
splash
splish
splash
splish

IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING IS BEING CAUGHT BY SOMETHING ELSE...
WHAT'S THAT?
I can't see anything.

FIRE?!

THERE ARE PEOPLE!!
IS SOME-ONE THERE?!
IT'S ANGO AND THE OTHERS..
DON'T TELL ME...

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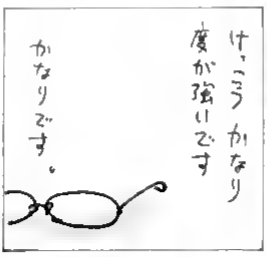
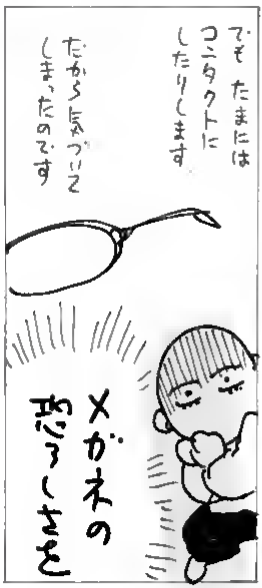
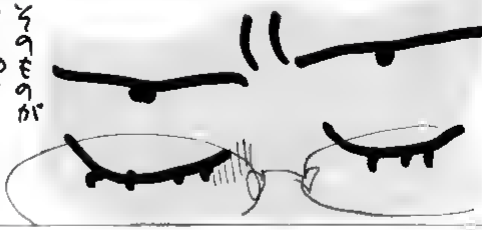


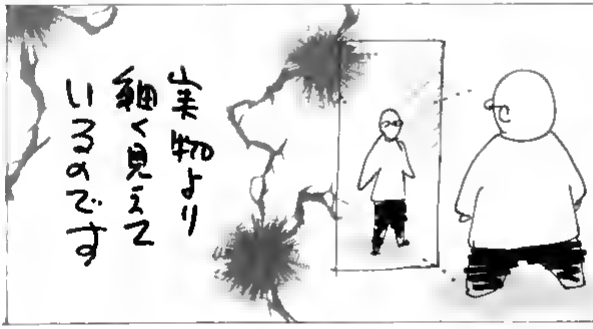


なんと！
度の強いメガネを
かけて
ものを見ると



そのものが
実物より
小さく 細く
見えるのです

つまり
ふだん
メガネとかけて
鏡で見ている
自分の姿は



実物より
細く見えて
いるのです

コンタクトにすると
自分が1.5倍くらいに
見えるので
フシギに思て
いたのですが

こりゃ
みんな
知ってること？

だから
度の強いメガネを
かけてるかたは
気をつけて下さい

自分が
思ってるより
自分は大きいかも
しれません

それはそうと
「GREED」は
10周年だそうです
そんなにたった気が
しないのですが

そして
今回
ファンブックなるものを
出していただけることに
なりました
このコミックスと同時発売だ
そうです！
そうぞうそぜい
見てみて下さい！
というわけで
よろしくぅ

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